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PICTURE OF THE DAY

Mystery Man



King Abdullah, whose moves in the Palestine war are being watched with the keenest interest, is shown above inspecting an armoured brigade at Maffaq, 25 miles from the Palestine border.

Circular 131

Modified

Shanghai, May 19. The Central Bank of China today modified its recent controversial circular No. 131 requiring importers to deposit 50 per cent of the cost of goods ordered and deferring the settlement of foreign exchange until the arrival of the imported cargo—by making an exception for raw materials imported for the production of export goods.

According to the new bank circular, in the case of importers of such raw materials, exchange settlement is permitted upon the receipt of approved import licences and the opening of letters of credit instead of against shipping documents as evidence of arrival.

Government spokesman Hollington Tong defended circular 131 at a press conference in Nanking today by stating that the ruling is to ensure equity between cost and price of imports in view of the fact that importers take excessive profit "at the expense of the Government and public."

He said that before the ruling was enforced, excessive profits made by importers often amounted to several hundred per cent.

Conflicting Claims On Jerusalem

Scarborough, May 19.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, pledged today that the Government will do everything possible, either alone or with other powers, to end the present warfare in Palestine when he addressed the Party's annual convention here.

He hinted that the Holy Land fighting might be ended by some kind of diplomatic action. His speech, however, contained no indication that the Government has changed its mind about evacuating troops from Palestine as rapidly as possible.

"There is no point now in any of us having recrimination about the past. A new chapter of fighting and bloodshed is opening up in Palestine," he said.

Jewish troops have broken into Jerusalem's old walled city and linked up with Jewish defenders there, Israeli Military Headquarters in Tel-Aviv announced today.

In Cairo, an Arab League spokesman who declined to be identified by name, said all the Jews in Jerusalem surrendered to the Transjordan Arab Legion last night and claimed Arabs held complete control of the Holy City today. The Jewish announcement said Jewish troops broke through the

Arab-held Zion gate in an attack at midnight. The attack on the gate came, it said, just a few hours after a Jewish assault captured Mount Zion gate yesterday.

Heavy Fighting

Fighting was heavy throughout the night, the Jewish announcement said, and by daybreak Jews had broadened their breach in the Arab ring around the old city.

The Arab League spokesman in Cairo gave no details of his claim that all of Jerusalem was in Arab hands. Latest reports from inside the Holy City said King Abdullah's Desert Legion had the city in a grip of steel and the strategic outlook for Jews there appeared hopeless.

The Arab spokesman said the daughter of the Foreign Minister of Israel, was among the prisoners taken at Kefar Etzion when that settlement fell to the Arab Legion earlier.

Meanwhile, Irgun Zvai Leumi said its Jewish fighters were pressing in on Ramle, Arab city astride the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway, an artery over which Arabs and Jewish have fought bitterly.

Jewish headquarters here said the Jewish Army seized the Sarafand military camp, 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv and Jaffa, in a nightingale British military camp is astride the main road to Jerusalem. It virtually adjoins the Arab stronghold of Ramle, which is under attack by Irgun Zvai Leumi forces.

Avoided Reply

Mr. Morrison significantly avoided any reply to the appeal of Maurice Ryssler, representative of the Jewish Socialist Labour Party and head of the Information Department of the Jewish Agency, who asked for recognition of the new state of Israel, withdrawal of British troops from the Arab Legion territory of the £2,000,000 a year subsidy to Transjordan and termination of the Anglo-Transjordan alliance.

"Whilst I cannot commit the Government on any details I can assure the conference it is our wish to have a cooperative and helpful in any practical way consistent with any responsibility we can justly undertake."

"We will do everything we can to promote peace and wellbeing as an individual Government or with the Governments of other lands. If our Government can do anything—the Foreign Secretary can—to terminate this unhappy bloodshed the Minister will do everything possible," he said.

Mr. Morrison said the Labour Party always had been and still is sympathetic and enthusiastic about a Jewish home in Palestine.

"We hope successful accomplishment of a Jewish home in Palestine will come about when the present troubles are over. We have never taken the view because we believe in a Jewish home in Palestine, that we are anti-Arab. We always wished to see Arab social progress throughout the Middle East."—United Press & Associated Press.

Britain's Transjordan Obligation

London, May 18.

A Foreign Office spokesman was asked tonight whether Britain would continue to allow British officers to serve with the Transjordan forces, pay a subsidy to the Transjordan Army, and provide arms for Transjordan, Egypt and Iraq in spite of the outbreak of fighting in Palestine.

He replied: "Unless and until the United Nations decides that such action is illegal, there is no reason for Britain to depart from her treaty obligations."

The spokesman added that there are at present 40 British officers serving with the Transjordan forces, 30 of whom have been seconded from the British Army.

The Commander of the Arab Legion and two other officers were seconded to Transjordan from the service of the Palestine Government, the spokesman said.

The subsidy to Transjordan is reliably believed to total £2,000,000 annually, which has been voted by Parliament until the end of the present financial year in April, 1949. The British Government was consequently under statutory obligation to continue at least until that date. The next instalment of the subsidy is due to be paid in two months time.

Reuter.

Concession For Riot Victims

Canton, May 19.

British nationals and commercial houses who lost their personal effects and office equipment during the Shanghai Incident of Jan. 16 may have their replacements imported free of duty.

Those who have already obtained import licences and brought in their replacements may claim a refund of Customs duty.

Instructions to this effect have been despatched by the Inspector-General of Customs to the Commissioner of Customs in Canton.

But before this concession is granted "replacement" importers have to comply with some irksome formalities.

British nationals and firms concerned are required to give a detailed list of the replacements and forward it to the Embassy in Nanking for transmission to the Foreign Ministry. The latter in turn will notify the authorities in Canton.—Reuter.

Prayers For Chiang And Li

Peiping, May 19. Priests from Peiping's famed Yungchoung or Temple of Affable Harmony today said prayers over the Peiping broadcasting station for the President and Vice-President of China.

The priests who are Mongols and Tibetans belonging to the orthodox Lama sect prayed for their long life and for the good fortune of the Chinese nation.—Associated Press.

Hong Kong Inauguration Celebration

Two processions are to be held by local Chinese to-day to celebrate the inauguration of the President and Vice-President of China.

Both processions will consist of decorated motor lorries, one on the island and one in Kowloon.

The route to be followed by the procession in Hong Kong is:

Southern Playground (start), Lockhart Road, Percival Street, Hennessy Road, Johnston Road, Hennessy Road, Queen's Road East, Queen's Road Central, Queen's Road West, Centre Street, Des Voeux Road West, Wing Lok Street, Des Voeux Rd., Central, Jubilee Street, Connaught Road Central, Murray Road, Queen's Road East, Argyle Street, Lockhart Road Southern Playground (disperse).

The route to be followed by the procession in Kowloon is: MacPherson Playground (start), Nelson Street, Nathan Road, Jordan Road, Shanghai Street, Chikok Road, Nanchang Street, Tsingpo Road, Nathan Road, Nelson Street, MacPherson Playground (disperse).

21-Gun Salute Will Mark Inauguration

Nanking, May 19.

The firing of a 21-gun salute at 0100 GMT tomorrow will signal the opening of the six-year term of China's first Constitutional President and Vice-President.

President Chiang Kai-shek and Vice-President Li Tsung-shan will take office in a brief ceremony before an estimated 3,000 guests in the auditorium where they were elected by the National Assembly two weeks ago.

The President will accept the resignations of the Premier and Cabinet immediately and is expected to form a new non-partisan Government. Chiang Kai-shek is Premier to the Legislative Yuan immediately in order to speed reorganization of the national Government.—Associated Press.

BIG COTTON TEXTILE DEAL

Tokyo, May 19.

SCAP has approved the sale of US\$7,000,000 worth of Japanese cotton textiles to the Netherlands East Indies. This was believed the largest sales contract in textile industry.

The purchase—which included towels, handkerchiefs, yarn and fabrics—was made on a Government-to-Government basis.

The Japanese will begin delivery at once and expect to complete shipment this autumn.—Associated Press.

Health Week For Colony Next Week

Hong Kong is to have a Health Week—a week of educating the people in the cause of disease and methods of combatting it.

The campaign has been drawn up by a committee of 20 members of the Health Department and will start on Monday.

Chopper Attack

Serious injuries were sustained today by a 17-year-old Chinese girl, Pang Lai-ye, employed at the Wing Sing Underwear Factory, No. 14 Matheson Street, who was the victim of a chopper attack outside No. 12 Matheson Street, shortly after midnight yesterday.

The girl who was immediately rushed to Hospital after the attack, is reported to have received six deep-cut wounds on the head and two similar wounds on the arm.

Her assailant, who is alleged to have been in conversation with her before the incident, managed to escape and had not been caught up to a late hour last night.

200 WALK OUT ON CHINESE CHAMBER ELECTION MEETING

An attempt by some 200 members to block the election of the 20-member supervisory committee at yesterday's annual general meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce failed when the majority present called for the election to continue.

The dissident members thereupon walked out in a flurry amidst shouts and frenzied hand waving from both sides, and it was fully five minutes before the meeting was again called to order.

All precautions were taken to ensure that no disorder would mar the meeting, and Police officers, both uniformed and plain-clothed, were in attendance.

The meeting opened at 2 p.m. with the Chairman, Mr. Tung Chung-wai, in the chair. On the platform with him were the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Kwok Chan, the Chamber's Legal Adviser, Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo, C.B.E., and the Secretary, Mr. H.Y. To.

ngenda—not to discuss whether it should or should not be held. Those who consider it should not be held can leave the meeting. They can, as they have already done, seek remedy from the Court, and if it is eventually ruled that the meeting is unconstitutional, then the election is null and void."

About half a dozen members then all spoke at the same time, and pandemonium reigned for some five minutes, cul-



Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, addressing the gathering at the election. (China Mail Photo)

After the report and accounts for the year had been adopted and the election of auditors had been approved, the main business of the meeting, the election of 20 members to supervise the election of a new General Committee, was proposed.

Dissident members started firing questions at the chairman, the secretary and the legal adviser, charging that the meeting was irregularly held and calling for explanations of different clauses of the Chamber's new constitution.

Notice Necessary

Mr. M.K. Lo told the meeting that the agenda before it was to proceed with the election of a supervisory committee and not to discuss the legality or illegality of the meeting.

In his experience as legal adviser to the Chamber for over 10 years there had never been an occasion when disputes could not be amicably settled, and it pained him very much that this fine tradition was now broken by certain members who had taken the issue to a Court of Law.

It was not possible to hold the annual general meeting in April because under the new constitution 21 days notice had to be given, and the best they could do was to hold it today.

"The Committee has done all that was humanly possible. What else do you expect them to do?" continued Mr. Lo with some heat. "This meeting is called to transact the business set out on its

Severe Government Losses

Nanking, May 19.

A Government military spokesman today admitted the evacuation of Linfen in southern Shanxi and the loss of Laohokow in northern Hupeh in one of the worst days for the Nationalists on the central China front in recent months.

The spokesman minimized the importance of Linfen which he said had lost its strategic value but admitted the seriousness of the situation in northern Hupeh, stating that powerful Government units are now converging on Laohokow in an attempt to recapture the city.

He said that the Government forces defending Laohokow numbered only one brigade against six Communist brigades, which launched the attack and three additional brigades held in reserve.

The spokesman also revealed that Nationalist planes made an intensive bombing raid on Fuping, Communist General Nish Yung-cheng's headquarters in Hopei on May 13, when many Communist high commanders in north China were gathered there for a military conference, including Mao Tse-tung—one of the three highest ranking Communists in China—himself.

He said that according to intelligence reports, the raid claimed more than 80 casualties and an effort is now being made to establish the identity of the Communist dead and wounded.—Reuter—A.P.

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The Weather

A small anticyclone, central in the Eastern Sea is moving east, and from it, sides extend west to Central China and south to the China Sea.

Pressure is low in a trough extending from North Japan to east of the Philippines. Forecast: Moderate E or SE winds. Partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 83.3 deg. Fah. Minimum 74.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 5.7 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—294.0 mm.—11.55 in.—as against an average of 459.5 mm.—18.09 in.

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BCOF Strength To Be Less Than 5,000

Tokyo, May 19.

By the end of this year, the total strength of the British Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan will probably be substantially less than 5,000, reliable British circles revealed today.

With the withdrawal of the New Zealand ground forces by September, the force will consist of one depleted Australian infantry brigade and a small Australian-New Zealand air group.

Today, none of the Australian battalions can muster more than 200 men and senior officers have little hope of reinforcements.

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Cotton Mill Dispute Negotiation

Another meeting between the Chinese Spinning and Weaving General Labour Union and the Nanyang Cotton Mills, Ltd., is scheduled for tomorrow, to settle the current dispute involving 150 workers of the Nanyang Mills.

Chinese labour circles said yesterday that following the ultimatum sent by the Union to the Mills last week-end demanding reinstatement of the 150 workers, the Mills have decided to re-employ about 130.

The meeting tomorrow, presumably at the Labour Office, will attempt to reach an amicable settlement.

Leeds, May 18.

Four were killed and 20 injured seriously when a passenger express train jumped the tracks today near Wath-on-Deane, Yorks.—Reuter.



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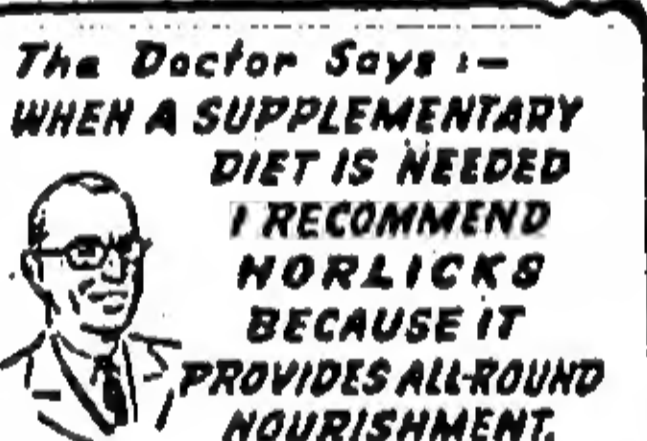
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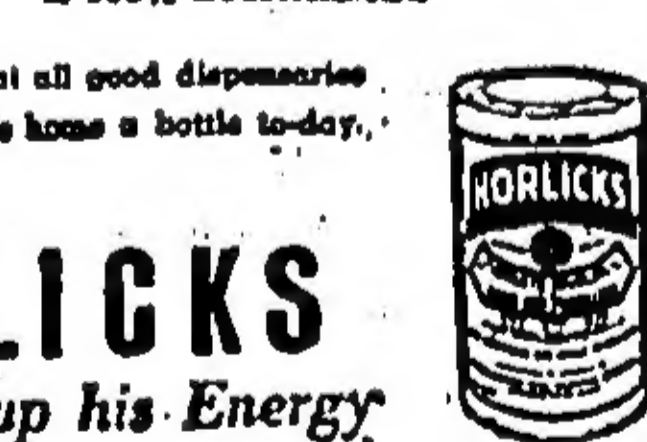
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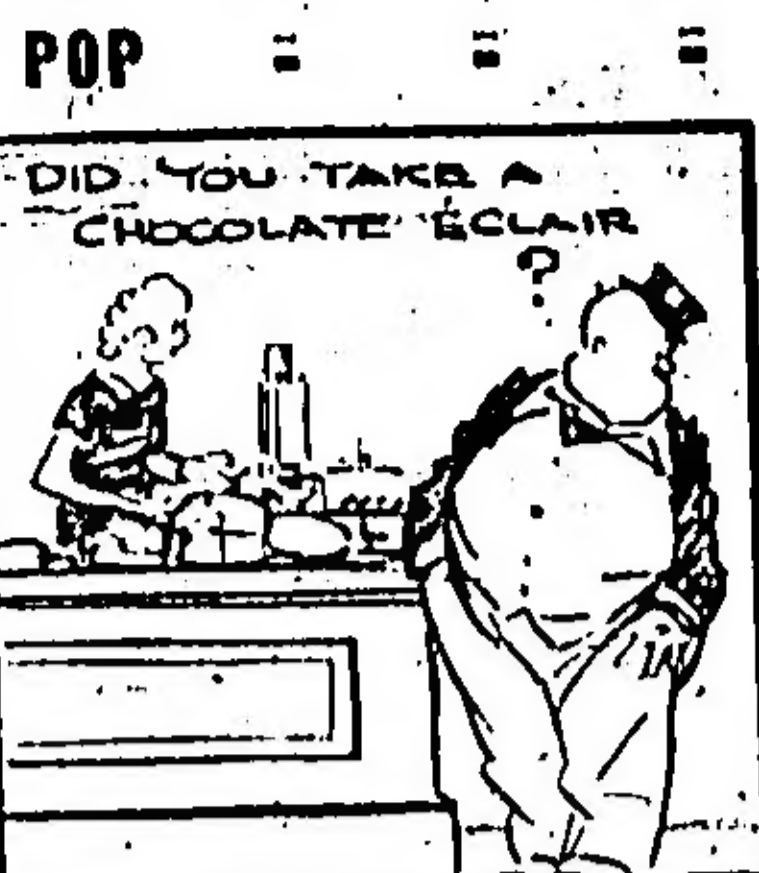


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COMMUNIST PRESSURE REACHES NEW PITCH

Shanghai, May 19.

Communist pressure in the battles of corridors in south Jehol and western Liaoning reached a new high pitch in the past 24 hours when considerable fresh Red forces were committed to the vital struggles, according to pro-Government war despatches today.

Sino-British Club Plans Expansion

At the last committee meeting of the Sino-British Club, it was decided that the activities of the Club should be more extensively advertised as it was felt that there were many people who were only vaguely aware of the Club's objects.

The Sino-British Club was formed to provide a common ground where people representing the different racial cultures could meet and practice the Arts. To give this a practical application, members usually join one of the groups representing their interest, which cover a wide field of cultural activities. Although the name, Sino-British Club, limits its definition to the two major groups in the Colony, it is emphasized that any person resident in the Colony, regardless of race or creed is welcome to share in the activities of the Club. The Committee have decided upon an ambitious programme which will be announced from time to time in the press. It is hoped that residents will support these efforts. The Club in itself is unique insofar that, free from political, religious, or racial distinctions, it unites all throughout the Arts. Therefore, Hong Kong can serve as an example of how the different modes of living are merely incidental to a social structure welded together by common interests.

The next public meeting of the Club will be held in the Helena May Institute on May 25 at 9.15 p.m. and will take the form of a lecture on 'Recognising the Instruments of the Orchestra', illustrated by gramophone records, by Mrs. G. A. Goodman. Those who wish for further information on the activities of the club are asked to write to the Hon. Secretary, Capt. A. J. E. Luft, Forces Education Centre, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

READER'S LETTER

Kowloon Flower Market

Sir, - Thanks I feel sure to the publicity given the flower men's grievance in Kowloon - they have been allotted quite an ideal spot for their wares in Lock Rd. - practically opposite the Dairy Farm in Nathan Rd. Will the ladies of Kowloon please note this fact. They will find most of their "Sellers" at the beautiful stalls, which, in time, will look like the famous Flower Street in Hong Kong. Having written letters to most every one in authority in Hong Kong, I am not quite sure to whom the flower men owe their thanks for the final choice, but anyhow to you Mr. Editor we-and they are indebted also.

"JUST ANOTHER LOWER OF FLOWERS."

Mr. V. C. Bond, of the Labour Office, prosecuted in both cases.

Moslems Massacred In Siam

Bangkok, May 18.

A member of the Siamese Parliament said today 6,000 Moslem Malaysians have fled South Siam into the Kelantan State of Malaya after the massacre of 200 of their number.

The member, Nal Amat Jamviroj, just back from an investigation of conditions in the South, said the Malays had been killed at Tambol Channad village late in April by Siamese police and military. He also charged Siamese police shot without trial three men, including a village official, after they had been held under arrest for three days. Nal Amat's report indicated that deaths during the April fighting were far greater than had been reported previously.

Personalia

The Air Officer Commanding Air Commodore S.N. Webster, CBE, AFC, returned to Kai Tak yesterday afternoon by R.A.F. Sunderland Flying Boat from Singapore.

The Air Commodore together with Air Marshal Sir Hugh P. Lloyd, KBE, CB, MC, DFC, Commander-in-Chief, Air Command Far East and other senior officers recently attended exercise "PANDORA" at Old Suram, England.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: - E. A. Rutledge, A. W. Hartley, Mrs. C. P. Burns and Miss M. A. Roffey.

Peninsula departures: - Mr. and Mrs. R. Vargas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ormiston, Mrs. M. I. Anderson and Edmund D. Essex.

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced: - Mr. Cyril George Caton, R.N. F.A.B. H.M.S. "Tamar", to Miss Eileen Mary Roche, Army (ADS), 39 MacDonnell Road. Mr. Ian Charles Mack, Banker, Penang, Malaya, to Miss Althea Beryl Hope, Kunming, Yunnan, China. Mr. Gerald Edward Gagnon, Cashier, 16 Fook Wing Street, Shamshuipo, to Miss Chan Kam-ping.

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The annual general meeting of the British Legion (Hong Kong and China Branch) will be held 5.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post.

EXORBITANT PROFITS UNDER FIRE

Scarborough, May 18.

The Labour Party today urged its leaders in the Government to take stern action to "curb exorbitant profit distribution." So far, the Government has relied upon voluntary appeals to manufacturers and trading organizations to cut their dividends.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, the Party Executive spokesman and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, made clear to the Party Conference here that the Government would take further measures if it proved necessary.

"It should appear that certain monopolists are ignoring this request that would be an argument for putting them into the next list of priorities for socialisation," he said.

With the demand for action to curb dividends, the Conference accepted the party statement - "production, the bridge to socialism" - supporting the Government's economic policies to boost production and fight inflation.

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Cost of Living. It passed a resolution welcoming the Government's efforts to establish a policy for wages, profits and other incomes, designed to prevent inflation.

The resolution insisted that the basis of such a policy must be the stabilisation of the cost of living.

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Damages Judgment Reserved

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), in the case in which the Wo Loong Hong of Bank of Canton Building, sued The Canton Overseas Trading Co., Ltd., of Holland House, for damages for alleged breach of contract in regard to the sale of 500 pieces of dry shaved buffalo hides.

Yesterday's proceedings were mainly confined to closing addresses.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C. instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn of Messrs. Britton & Co., appeared for the Wo Loong Hong.

The Canton Overseas Trading Co., Ltd. were represented by Mr. B.A. Bernatchi, instructed by Mr. F.D. Hammond. In their statement of claim, the plaintiffs alleged that the contract was entered into on April 20, 1947, at the price of \$245 per picul less half per cent. f.o.b. The buffalo hides weighed 154 piculs and 34½ cwt., valued at \$37,624.34. Defendants refused to take delivery of hides or to pay for them. The plaintiffs claimed \$10,014.90, the difference between the contract price and the price prevailing on Aug. 9, 1947, and costs.

A counter-claim was filed by defendants, who alleged breach of contract on the part of plaintiffs.

Pawned Friends' Clothes

A 16-year-old girl was ordered by Mr. W. H. Latimer in the Juvenile Court at Kowloon yesterday to be sent to the Salvation Army Home for six months when a finding of guilt was returned on two counts of larceny by bailment, one of larceny and one of larceny by trick.

It was stated that the girl obtained food from a cooked-food hawk for some time and ran up a debt of \$38. When pressed for payment, she took three suits of clothing from two friends, and four pieces of clothing from another friend, and pawned them.

The father told the Magistrate that defendant was "a very naughty girl" and that he had twice sent her back to the country. He wished her to be sent to a house of correction.

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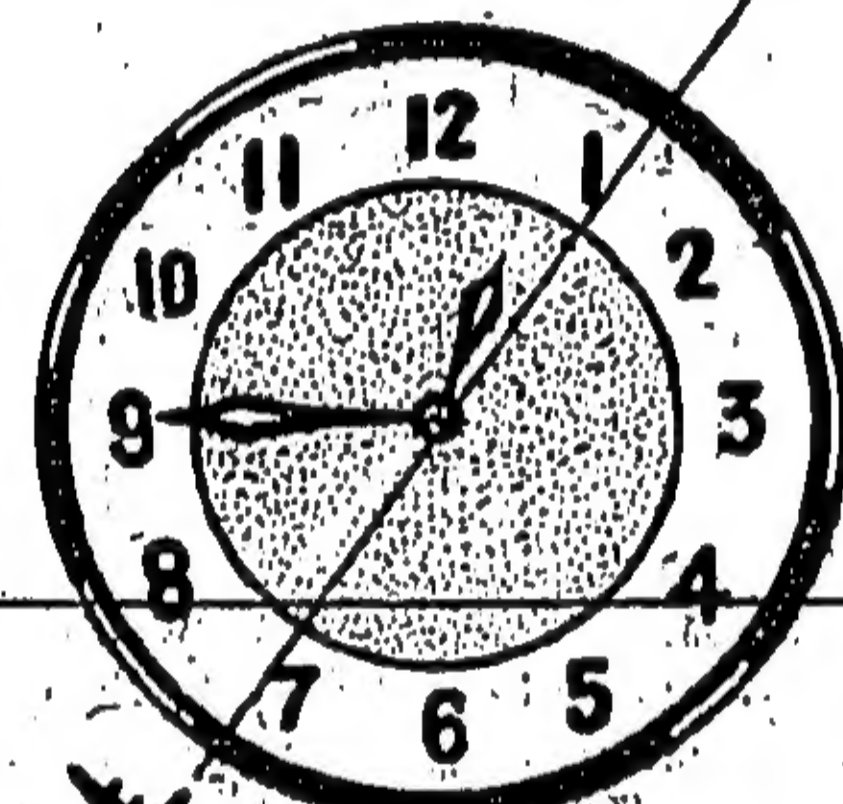
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Reminders

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Men's Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, 11.30 a.m. / 12.45 p.m.

Chinese Native Dances by Workers' Children's Schools, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 9.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Annual General Meeting of V.D.M.A., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, annual general meeting, Union Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

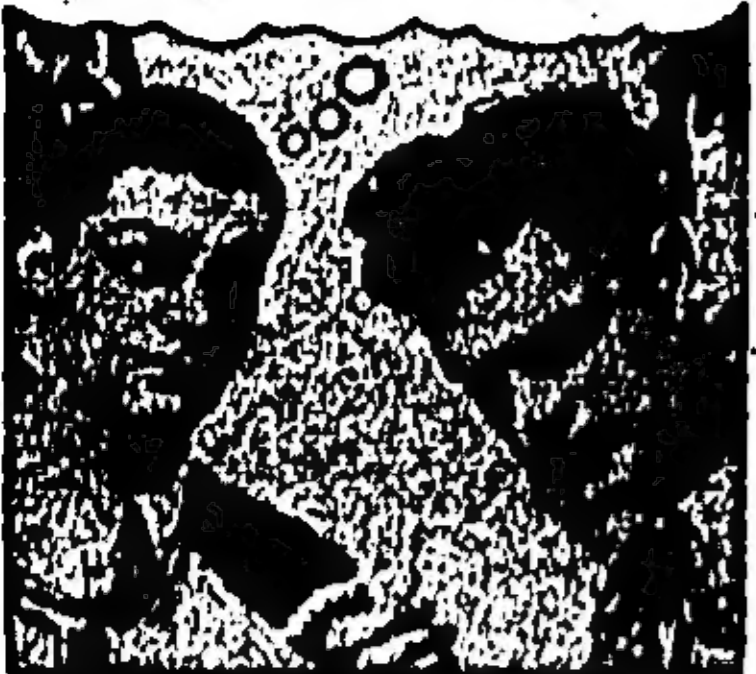
Amusement, 7 to 9 p.m. Park, cockle, 7 to 9 p.m.

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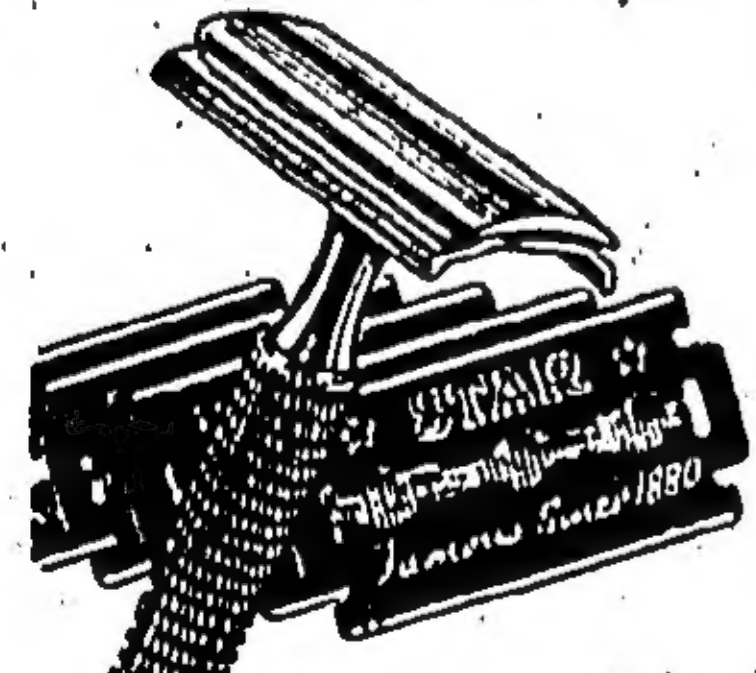
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PROSECUTOR DECRIES SLANDEROUS CLAIMS AGAINST POLICE

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Alipur Coal Case Ends

"The Alipur Coal Case," which lasted exactly three months, came to an end yesterday with the conviction of one (represented by Mr. J.M. d'Almeida Remedios), and the acquittal of the other (defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva), of the five original defendants charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr on Feb. 19.

Chan Cheung (45) was sentenced to four months' hard labour (to date from Feb. 18) on the charge of the larceny of the nine tons of coal from the s/s "Alipur," and to a fine of \$500 (or another two months' simple imprisonment) on the charge of conspiring to steal the coal.

Cheng Ngan (31), coalyard foki, was acquitted on the counts of conspiracy, trespassing and unlawful possession.

On the application of Sub-Inspector Channing, \$754 realised from the sale of the coal was ordered to be returned to Messrs. Williamson and Co., the owners. The Magistrate further ordered the \$370 "tea-money" paid to Water Police Watchman Wong Kam-fuk (30) to be donated to the Poor Box.

Wong was fined \$250 on March 9 for negligence of duty. Cheng Kin 23-year-old coalyard keeper (defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva), charged with receiving stolen property, and Lee Wah-kai (53), odd-job contractor, charged with larceny and conspiracy to steal, were acquitted on April 23.

"CASE OF STUPIDITY"

"A case of stupidity" was heard by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Robert Lynn Henshaw, 21-year-old Canadian seaman of s/s "Lake Manitou," was charged with the malicious damage of a piano at the Star Hotel, 23 Nathan Road, on May 19.

Inspector J. Orem said that at 12.15 a.m. on May 19 three Europeans, including accused, went to the hotel, drunk. Defendant wanted to play the piano but the manager, David Cheung, told him that it was locked. Henshaw then forced the lid open, causing \$10 damage to the locking apparatus.

It was a case of stupidity, said Inspector Orem. Defendant was very docile when taken into custody by the Police, and gave no trouble whatever in the Station.

The Magistrate cautioned defendant and ordered him to pay \$10 compensation to complainant.

Bank Of Portugal Directives

Lisbon, May 18.
With the object of halting the drain on Portuguese hard currency reserves, the Bank of Portugal today issued two directives to Portuguese banks.

It states that these banks may not credit escudos to anyone outside Portuguese territory without the Bank of Portugal's previous authority.

The most important of certain exceptions listed in the circular is that banks may credit escudo accounts in their own books, of persons domiciled abroad when these are the proceeds of dollar or Swiss franc purchases.

Formerly, sale of dollars and Swiss francs was subject to a Bank of Portugal licence, which was granted only in cases of exceptional importance. This restriction, however, was evaded by purchases of dollars and Swiss francs—subsequently credited in escudos in Lisbon—from foreign banks—with balances—with their Portuguese counterparts.

The second circular directed that no account of persons domiciled at home or abroad may be credited with the proceeds of notes of the Bank of Portugal issue, Bank Nacional Ultramarino and Bank Angola without prior Bank of Portugal sanction.

Pretended He Owned Cheque

Six months' hard labour was imposed on Chu Chung-ying, 20, Shanghai Chinese, by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of attempting to obtain money from Leung Chan-chou by pretending that he was the owner of cheque number 160827 for \$1,766.25.

Inspector A.F. Cochrane, prosecuting, said that on April 5 a foki of the On Fat Company went to the bank to pay in two cheques. He left the paying in book with the two cheques inside on the counter until his turn came to be attended. He was given back the book which he took to his office.

On examining the book the master found that only one cheque had been paid in. There was a leaf torn from the book.

He rang up the bank and told them to stop the cheque if any one came for payment. He also got in contact with the police.

On April 6 Leung Chan Chou of the International Company went to cash the cheque. He told the police that the cheque had been given to him by a customer who had bought \$250 worth of woollen cloth and that he was going to call for the material and the change that afternoon.

A policeman was sent to the shop, where a coolie came for the defendant.

Leung saw Chu outside and the police arrested him. The coolie was from St. Francis Hotel where defendant had intended to move.

TOLD FALSE STORY TO GET BACK GOODS

"The peculiar case" of a man who, after seeing his belongings auctioned by order of the Supreme Court, reported to the Police that his clothing and bed-boards had been stolen, was related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth at Kowloon yesterday.

Hui Chung-fai (20), charged with making a false report to the Kowloon City Police at 2.15 p.m. on May 12, had a dispute with his principal tenant over rent and went to the Tenancy Tribunal for a reduction.

In retaliation, principal tenant Chow Kap (48) applied for a Distress Warrant against defendant whose rent was several months in arrears. Accused's clothing and bed-boards were accordingly distrained by the Court bailiffs and, on May 11, auctioned by Messrs. Lamert Brothers.

Although defendant was present at the auction and knew who bought his bed-boards he nevertheless reported to the Police that the boards (and clothing) were stolen from his cubicle. He brought Det. 1070 Yiu Yan to a firewood shop at Tam Kung Road and pointed out his bedboards in a cubicle occupied by Lam Shing-hing (40).

Lam told the detective that he bought the boards at an auction and produced the auctioneers' receipt for the \$12.50 paid. Further inquiries by Det. Yiu Yan brought to light the real facts of the case, said SI Howarth.

Defendant was fined \$100 or four weeks' simple imprisonment.

Stray Dog Disposal

A statement on the disposal of unclaimed stray dogs kept in the kennels at the Slaughterhouses was issued by Government yesterday.

It says: "The great majority of unclaimed strays are affected by disease, chiefly mange, and many also are fierce and unmanageable. Stray dogs suitable for keeping as pets are normally claimed by their owners."

"The public are reminded that occasionally cases of rabies occur in the observation kennels which are adjacent to the kennels accommodating stray dogs and therefore no person can be permitted to enter the premises unless accompanied by the Inspector in charge. Owing to the pressure of his other duties the Inspector in charge is unable to escort members of the general public round the kennels except those wishing to visit a dog under observation or those whose dogs have strayed."

NEW ONE TO MAGISTRATE

"That's a new one to me," said Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Wong Lung, 28-year-old coolie, pleaded that he returned to Hong Kong "only two days ago as I had to bring my friend's future wife to the Colony."

Wong was expelled from the Colony on Feb. 3 and was arrested by detectives at 11.15 p.m. on May 17 on the roof top of 40 Reclamation Street.

Defendant was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment and ordered to be re-excluded.

Witness Given Gruelling Cross-Examination

Mui Chiu-yan, nephew of the complainant, was given a gruelling cross-examination at Central yesterday by Mr. M. A. da Silva in the case in which Chan Yuan-shu alias Chan Shu, manager of the Wing Wo Cheung Firm, 311, Des Voeux Road, is charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$30,000 to his own use while being a trustee for Chan Tsoi-king, a widow.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva while the prosecution was conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector T. Cushman.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness said that he was a graduate of Peking University and had been the editor of a paper in Kwelin. It was known by his aunt, complainant, that he had a good education. He admitted stating in evidence that in Dec. 1946 he went to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and was not given the address of the guarantors but was given the name of the Wong Wo-cheung.

Bank Refusal
The Bank refused to give the amount of the undrawn balance. He could not say why the Bank refused to give the address of the guarantors and the amount of balance to a person who had a chop for the account.

Mr. Lee Shui-wah, who had given evidence, had told lies when he said that only his subordinates had brought him information about the account. He knew that Lee was the assistant comprador of the Bank. Witness agreed that Lee had perjured himself in the witness box. He would not go so far as to suggest that this was a swindle in which Lee was a member.

The only reason he could give why Lee had perjured himself in the box was that amounts had been drawn from the bank. Asked if by this he meant that Lee did so to protect the Bank from a civil action, witness made no reply. It was incorrect to say that witness had made these statements to lay the foundation of a civil action against the bank.

He agreed that the Hong Kong Bank were careful in choosing the assistant comprador and he would have to be a man of integrity.

UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONER CHARGE

Wat Fat-tu, a Chinese doctor of No. 64, Des Voeux Road, first floor, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday charged with being an unregistered practitioner.

Mr. Marcus da Silva for defendant, pleaded not guilty. Inspector H. Moran prosecuted.

Cheung Ping, 30, foki, said in evidence that he consulted defendant regarding a skin disease. He was to receive five injections for \$50.

Wat personally treated him, witness stated. Defendant had diagnosed his ailment as skin disease and apart from injecting defendant, did not give him medicine or ointment.

Under cross-examination, witness said two men came into the shop. One, in uniform, informed witness that defendant was not registered.

The uniformed man took a statement from him. Witness refuted counsel's suggestion that it was a planned raid asserting that he did not know anything about it.

He admitted under further questioning that defendant had given him some pills with directions. He explained that he forgot to mention it in his evidence in chief.

Hearing was adjourned to July 13 at 2.30 p.m.

Another of the fortnightly dances at the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held on Saturday, with dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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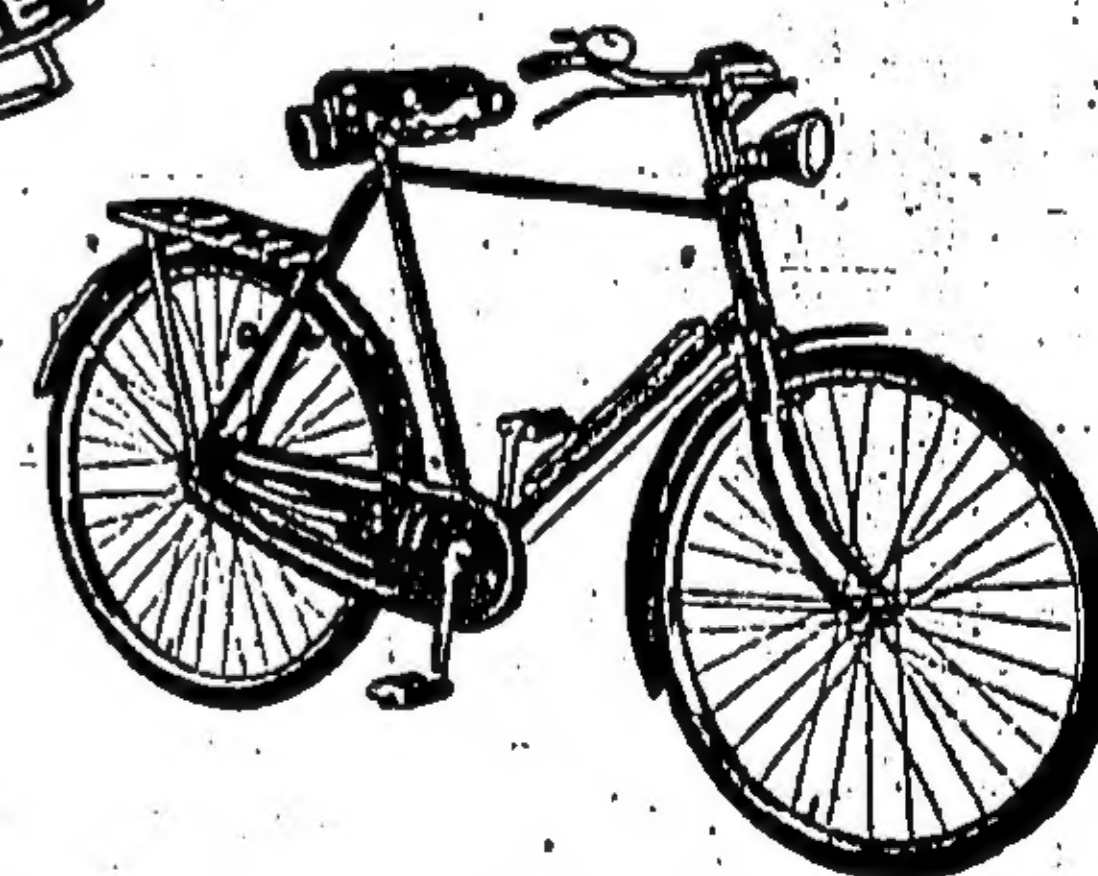
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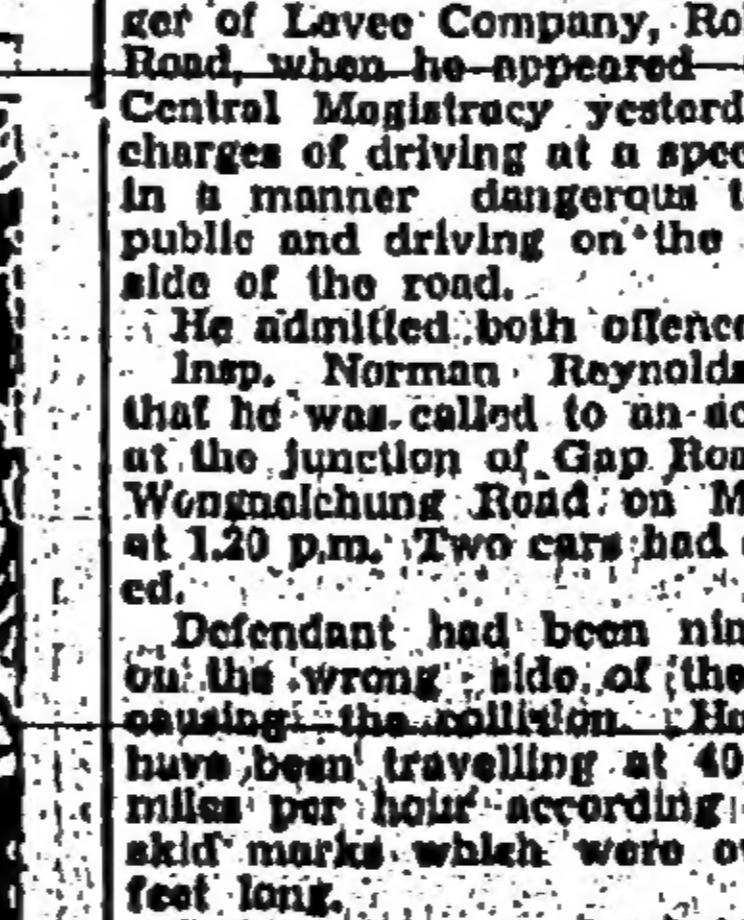
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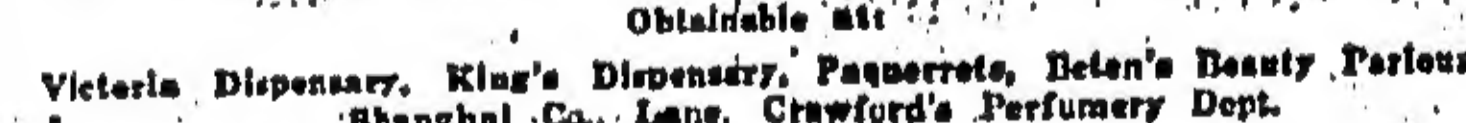
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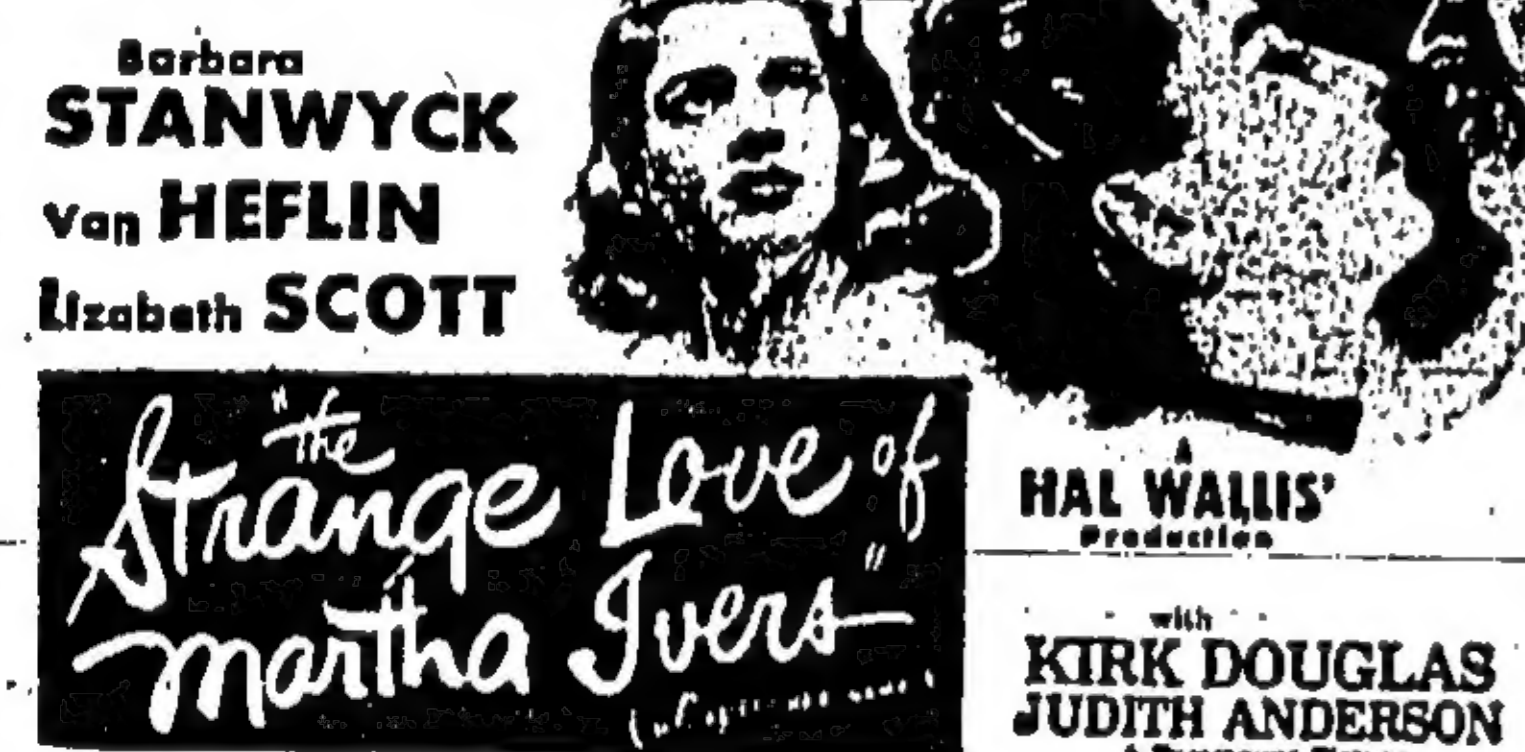


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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of Mifflins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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MORE TALK ON PALESTINE Council Rejects American Proposal Syrian Attack On U.S. Policy

Lake Success, May 18.
The Security Council, in a debate on the Holy Land issue, rejected a United States proposal to submit questions to the Arab states regarding details of agreements they might have on Palestine.
Only the United States, Britain, France and Colombia—three short of a majority—voted for the proposed questions. They were deleted from the questionnaire which accompanies the United States resolution describing the Palestine situation a menace to peace.

Earlier in the debate on the proposal to send a questionnaire to Arabs and Jews in Palestine, asking for information about the part they were playing in the fighting, Pasha Mahmoud Bey Fawzi (Egypt) objected to the whole sense of the questions which, he said, were "extremely prejudicial."

They spoke of the "Provisional Government of Israel," but what, he asked, was the so-called Government?
The questionnaire also spoke of Jewish and Arab sections of Palestine—but on what basis were they determined?
Major Aubrey Eban, representing the Jewish Agency, said the questionnaire did not imply recognition of the Jewish state. It was merely a request for information addressed to the only de facto Jewish authority in Palestine today—the Provisional Government of Israel.

"Blunder"
The Syrian delegate next asked whether the United States representative could justify his Government's recognition of the "illegal" proclamation of the so-called Jewish state.
If they could not justify that "blunder" in international law, he would be forced to submit the question to the International Court of Justice.
How could the United States recognise the Jews as the de facto authority? The state was proclaimed at 6 o'clock and war

recognised by the United States two minutes later. Could that be called a de facto authority in the "international legal sense of the word," the Syrian representative asked.
Sir Alexander Cadogan later said he had just been instructed to substitute the term "Jewish authorities in Palestine" for the term "Provisional Government of Israel."

The British Government also thought that a question addressed to the Jews should ask whether they had arranged for the entry into Palestine of men of military age and, if so, to what numbers and from where.

Consulate Drama
Mr. Warren Austin, the American representative, replying to Syria's query, said he could not admit that there was any tribunal in the world which could judge the legality of the American Government's recognition of Israel.
M. Alexandre Parodi, of France, then told the Security Council that the French Consul in Jerusalem, who is a member of the Security Council Truce Commission, is besieged inside the French Consulate in Jerusalem, and is being sprayed with machine-gun fire.

Japanese Rail Strike

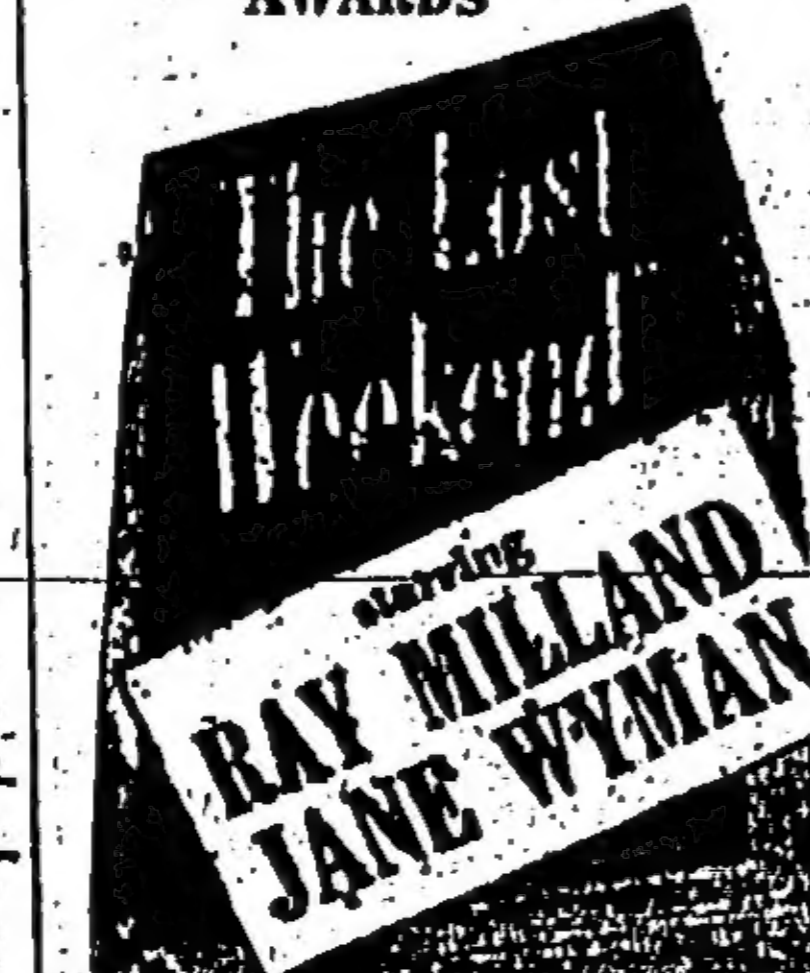
Tokyo, May 18.
Private railway workers throughout Japan today began a 24-hour strike.
Attempts to settle the dispute ended in failure—yesterday after 11 hours of negotiation between management and workers.
Further negotiations between the Federation of Private Railway Operators and the General Federation of Private Railway Workers Union were held this morning in an effort to check the strike in its initial stage.
The strike affects 13 private railway lines in the Kanto district—six lines in the Chubu district and five lines in the Kansai district—with Kobe and Kyoto as centres.
Hundreds of thousands of commuters travelling to Tokyo from outlying areas were seriously affected by the strike this morning, the Kyoto news agency reported.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRESS STARVED

London, May 18.
The Empire Press Union's Council reported today that the British press has suffered severely under a handicap amounting to paper starvation.
The organisation, made up of newspapermen in Britain and its Commonwealth, said the paper shortage had occurred "at a time of worldwide confusion between the nations when the public had stood exceptionally in need of world news."—Associated Press.

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H.K.'s Rice Allocation

Washington, May 18.
The International Emergency Food Council Rice Committee today approved the proposed rice allocations for 1948, thereby making virtually certain that claimant nations will receive the suggested quotas.

Under the approved rice allocations proposal, Hong Kong will receive 125,000 metric tons of rice.—Associated Press.

Egypt Seizes Cargoes

Cairo, May 18.
The Egyptian port authorities at Alexandria were reported today to have confiscated the cargoes of four ships—an Italian, British, Norwegian and an Egyptian—acting under the new "state of siege" orders.

The customs authorities are under instructions to seize the cargoes of any ships destined for a Palestine port "under Zionist control."

Arms and ammunition for any port in the world may also be confiscated if the ship calls at an Egyptian port.

The shipments seized today were from the Richard Borchard (1,923 tons), bound for Beirut from Genoa under the British flag with machine guns, ammunition, food and iron plates; the Italian Arisa (710 tons) from Genoa, carrying iron, ammunition and machinery; the Egyptian Memnon (887 tons) bound for Beirut; the Norwegian Algeir, from London and Amsterdam, carrying canned food, building iron and iron plates and pipes.—Reuter.

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MAY FORCE AN HONOUR
POSSESSION of a singleton trump of less than honour, stature may seem to be of no value unless you can win a trick with it through ruffing some other suit. But it can be worth a trick to your side without necessarily having to win one. In some situations, ruffing it when the declarer can over-ruff may be of telling usefulness. It may oblige the declarer to use a really high trump, instead of a very small one, to take that particular trick. By thus consuming one of his honours, he may establish in your partner's hand some card which otherwise would have been dropped when the declarer later took out trumps.

S 10 5 3 2
D H 9 8
C A Q 7 5 4
C Q

S J 6 4
H A K Q
D 8 3
C J 9

It was painful to watch East fumble his one chance to be of some use on this deal. With his "worthless" hand, he reckoned it made no difference, so paid slight attention to what he did with his own cards.

West raked in his heart K and Q, then led the A. East mechanically discarded his club 2, and South of course ruffed the trick, employing the 7 for that purpose.

pose. Then the declarer rattled off in quick succession the spade A, K and Q, followed by the diamond K, A and Q for a club discard, the club Q, the diamond 4 ruffed by the spade 8, then the club A and K. That of course gave him an extra-trick above his game.

At other tables of the same duplicate game, East made one simple move that held the contract to exactly game without any overtricks. In these cases, when the third high heart was led, the East player realized it might be from a six-card suit and South therefore would have only two hearts to start with. In that event, South would ruff, using a small trump unless East stuck in his spade 9 to force a bigger one.

That is exactly what these East defenders did. The ruff with their 9 compelled South to play one of his three high trumps. So doing built up West's spade 5 as a trick-taker.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM
S Q 5
H J 10 7
D J 9 7 5
C K 4 3 2

S A K 10
H 8 7 4
D K Q 8
C 5

S 6 3 2
H None
D A K 10 3 2
C 10 9 8 7 6

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After South leads the diamond K, what East's proper playing plan at 6-Hearts?

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U.S. WAR GAMES IN MED

Washington, May 18.
The Navy Department today confirmed that 29 American warships will conduct major manoeuvres in the Mediterranean during June and July.

The vessels taking part will be in two groups: 1—Thirteen ships, including the 46,000-ton battleship Missouri and the new 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Coral Sea, carrying 3,183 midshipmen and naval reservists on a normal summer training cruise. (2)—Sixteen warships, comprising the United States Eastern Atlantic Fleet.

The Eastern Atlantic Fleet now has 18 warships, but 12 replacement ships will join from the United States early next month, and 14 units of the fleet will sail for home, reducing its strength to 10.

The returning ships will include the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea, which will be replaced by the 27,000-ton carrier Mearns.

The Navy Department said the two groups would join in "normal manoeuvres."
The entire squadron will visit Lisbon, Portugal, from June 21 to June 26, and will then split up for other visits to Villefranche, Gêze, Juan, Monaco, Leghorn, Algiers, Gibraltar and Casablanca.—Reuter.

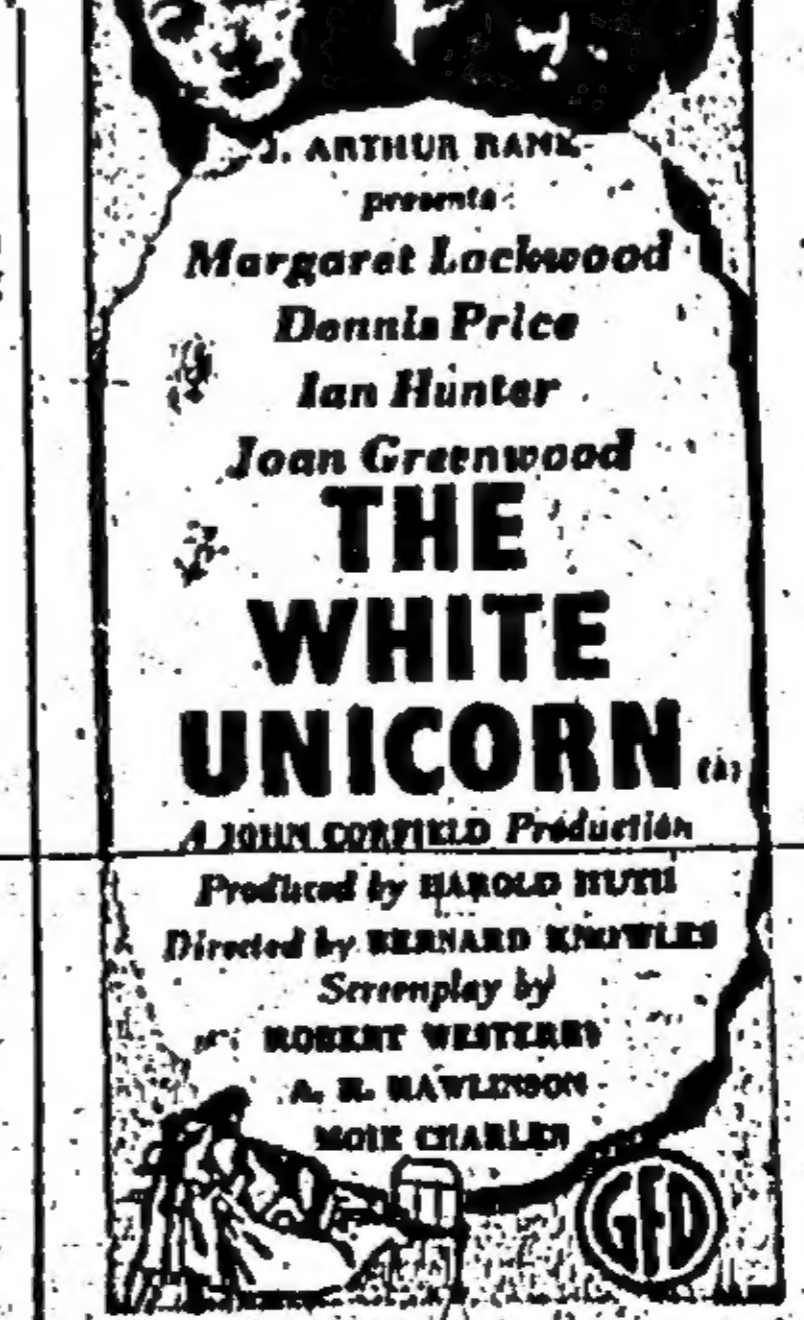
Vienna Radio reported tonight that the Czechoslovak Cabinet decided today to recognise the new Jewish State of Israel.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
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1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Nothing but Music" With Sidney Torch and Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (ORHB).
2.00 p.m.—Close.
4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episode 2nd: "Great Gun" Read by Captain Flint (Studio).
6.30 p.m.—"Music for Romance"—Reg Leppard and His Players, Jack Cooper, Vocal (BBCS).
7.00 p.m.—"T.M.A." with Tommy Handley (BBCS).
7.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—Music and Home News (London Relay).
8.15 p.m.—"I Bring You Music" Classical Programme presented by Marion Glover (Studio).
9.15 p.m.—Book Reviews Presented by Ricardo Oblitas (Studio).
9.30 p.m.—Night at the Ballet.
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Sonata in D Major for Violin and Piano (Handel), Simon Goldberg (Violin) and Gerald Moore (Piano).
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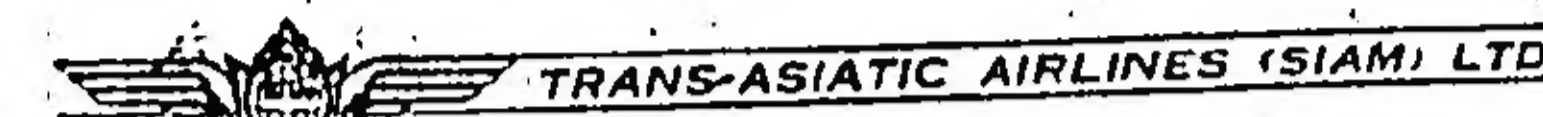
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INDUCTION DAY

Theoretically, the induction into office to-day of the first constitutionally-elected President and Vice-President of the Chinese Republic, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Chung-jen, marks a milestone in China's political history. From what has appeared on the surface of Nanking manoeuvres, however, it is difficult to detect at this juncture that any material change has taken place. If there is a difference, it has yet to assume any practical importance.

The election of Sun Fo as President and of Chen Li-fu as Vice-President of the Legislative Assembly cannot be regarded otherwise than as clear proof that the Right Wing of the Kuomintang is still all-powerful in the National Government leadership, and what hopes of a more liberal tendency were roused by the revolt against the party line which resulted in Li Chung-jen's election as Vice-President have now been dismissed.

Sun Fo's appointment was a foregone conclusion. A middle-of-the-road politician, he was assured of the support of all Kuomintang groups. But the case of Chen Li-fu, head of the extreme Rightist so-called CC Clique, provided a straight out test of strength between the "Old Gang" and the younger progressives, with a result which offers little expectation of the new approach which China's plight demands.

The personnel of the new Government has not yet been officially announced, but names mentioned in the Chinese Press give a pretty clear indication that there will be no startling changes, though there is still a prospect that the Legislative Assembly may raise considerable opposition to the retention by Chang Chun of the office of Premier. Behind the scenes, a struggle is still going on, the one fact which can be regarded as at all encouraging, even though it may amount to little more than the trouble being experienced in fitting all the candidates for office into suitable positions. Another significant fact, too, is the refusal of General Pai Chung-hsi (whose post as Minister of National Defence has been given to General Ho Ying-chin) to accept the post of Central China Bandit Suppression Commissioner. Politically and otherwise, he is very closely connected with his fellow provincial, the Vice-President Li Chung-jen. His expression of desire to retire altogether from public life does not, therefore, necessarily mean that he will remain in idleness.

None of these things now change the picture, to any marked degree. The stage-management is unfortunately all too clear, and the flying of new colours fails to bring conviction that China is to-day entering upon a new era. Something has been gained, it is true, in the mere process of going through the motions of democratic election, but while the machine is geared to the same driving-force, it would be highly optimistic to expect any variation in the product.

Prisoners' Aid

The recent successful appeal by a Government servant against a sentence of nine months' hard labour for alleged perjury, gives food for thought. But for the fact that this particular defendant had the financial re-



The Thirtieth Instalment

MAGNETIC MINE PROBLEM

exercise a depressive effect upon his morale. This represented the highest professional advice, and of course is just the kind of thing that passes easily through a grave, wise Cabinet. Events swept it away; but not until a great deal of money had been spent. Part of the baggage mines came in handy later on for other tasks.

Presently a new and formidable danger threatened our life. During September and October nearly a dozen merchant ships were sunk at the entrance of our harbours, although these had been properly swept for mines. The Admiralty at once suspected that a magnetic mine had been used. This was no novelty to us; we had even begun to use it on a small scale at the end of the previous war.

In 1935 an Admiralty Committee had studied counter-measures against magnetic-firing devices, but their work had dealt chiefly with countering magnetic torpedoes or buoyant mines, and the terrible damage that could be done by large ground-mines laid in considerable depth by ships or aircraft had not been fully realised.

Without a specimen of the mine it was impossible to devise the remedy. Losses by mines, largely Allied and neutral, in September and October had amounted to 56,000 tons, and in November Hitler was encouraged to hint darkly at his new "Secret Weapon" to which there was no counter.

One night, when I was at Chartwell, Admiral Pound came down to see me in serious anxiety. Six ships had been sunk in the approaches to the Thames. Every day hundreds of ships went in and out of British harbours, and our survival depended on their movement.

Hitler's experts may well have told him that this form of attack would compass our ruin. Luckily he began on a small scale, and with limited stocks and manufacturing capacity.

Fortune also favoured us more directly. On Nov. 22 between 9 and 10 p.m. a German aircraft was observed to drop a large object attached to a parachute into the sea near Shoeburyness. The coast here is girded with great areas of mud which up-close with the tide, and it was immediately obvious that, whatever the object was, it could be examined and possibly recovered at low water.

Here was our golden opportunity. Before midnight, that same night two highly skilled officers, Lt-Commanders Guvry and Lewis from H.M.S. Vernon, the naval establishment responsible for the developing underwater weapons, were called to the Admiralty, where the First Sea Lord and I interviewed them, and heard their plans. By 1.30 in the morning they were on their way by car to Southend to undertake the hazardous task of recovery.

Before daylight on the 23rd, in pitch-darkness, aided only by a signal lamp, they found the mine some 500 yards below high water mark, but as the tide was then rising they could only inspect it and make their preparations for attacking it after the next high water.

The critical operation began early in the afternoon, by which time it had been discovered that a second mine was also on the mud near the first. Guvry with Chief Petty Officer Baldwin tackled the first, whilst their colleagues, Lewis and Able Seaman Vearcombe, waited at a safe distance in case of accidents.

After each prearranged operation Guvry would signal to Lewis,

so that the knowledge gained would be available when the second mine came to be dismantled. Eventually the combined efforts of all four men were required on the first, and their skill and devotion were amply rewarded.

That evening Guvry and his party came to the Admiralty to report that the mine had been recovered intact and was on its way to Portsmouth for detailed examination. I received them with enthusiasm, I gathered to-

gether 80 or 100 officers and officials in our largest room, and made Guvry tell his tale to a thrilled audience, deeply conscious of all that was at stake. From this moment, the whole position was transformed. Immediately, the knowledge derived from past research could be applied to devising practical measures for combating the particular characteristics of the mine. The whole power and science of the Navy were now applied; and it was not long before trial and experiment began to yield practical results.

Serious casualties continued; the new cruiser Belfast was mined in the Firth of Forth on Nov. 21, and on Dec. 4 the battleship Nelson was mined whilst entering Loch Ewe. Both ships were, however, able to reach a dockyard port. Two destroyers were lost, and two others, besides the mine-layers Adventure, were damaged on the East Coast during this period.

By Christmas Day I was able to write to the Prime Minister:

Everything is very quiet here, but I thought you would like to know that we have had a marked success against the magnetic mines. The first two devices for setting them off which we have got into action have both proved effective. Two were blown up by the magnetic sweep and two by lighters carrying heavy coils.

This occurred at Port A (Loch Ewe), where our interest in the mine was still very keen. A clear passage to be swept for her to the convalescent home at Portsmouth. It also looks as if the demagnetisation of warships and merchant ships can be accomplished by a simple, speedy and inexpensive process.

All our best devices are now approaching completion. The aeroplanes and the magnetic ship—the Bordo—will be at work within the next 10 days, and we all feel pretty sure that the danger from magnetic mines will soon be out of the way.

We are also studying the possible varying of this form of attack, viz., acoustic mines and supercavitating mines. Thirty ardent experts are pursuing these possibilities, but I am not yet able to say that they have found a cure.

In the event, a significant proportion of our whole war effort had to be devoted to combating the mine. A vast output of material and money was diverted from other tasks, and many thousands men risked their lives night and day in the minesweepers alone. The peak figure was reached in June, 1944, when nearly 60,000 were thus employed.

Nothing daunted the ardour of the Merchant Navy; and their

spirits rose with the deadly complications of the mining attack and our effective measures for countering it. Their tolls and tireless courage were our salvation. The sea traffic on which we depended for our existence proceeded without interruption.

The first impact of the magnetic mine had stirred me deeply, and apart from all the protective measures which had been enforced upon us, I sought for a means of retaliation. My visit to the Rhine

fare against us. Now that they had done so, it seemed to me that the proper re- for indiscriminate sinkings by mines at the mouths of the British harbours was a similar and, if possible, more effective mining attack upon the Rhine.

The necessary permissions and priorities were obtained, and work started at full speed. In conjunction with the Air Ministry we developed a plan for mining the Ruhr section of the Rhine by discharge from planes. I entrusted all this work to Rear-Admiral FitzGerald, serving under the Fifth Sea Lord. This brilliant officer, who perished later in command of an Atlantic convoy, made an immense personal contribution. The technical problems were solved. A good supply of mines was assured; and several hundred ardent British sailors and marines were organised to have them when the time should come.

All this was in November, and we could not be ready before March. It is always agreeable in peace or war to have something active coming along on your side. (To Be Continued)

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Paving Way For Talks On Germany

London, May 18.

The heads of the delegations to the London six-power conference on Germany met today to seek a solution to the outstanding problems in time for the conference to conclude its work by the end of this week.

It is expected the conference committees will work at top speed during the next three days to prepare the way for a plenary session at which some measure of agreement can be registered on the two basic questions of a constitution for Western Germany and international control of the Ruhr.

No further meetings are expected in the near future of the London conference of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers special deputies for Austria.

The stance taken by the United States and British deputies at their last meeting—the 100th—on May 6, has placed on Russia the onus of making fresh compromise proposals before meetings can be resumed.

Any such proposals would have to take into account the two principles of Anglo-American policy towards Austria to which France also adheres.

These are that Austria should keep her 1938 frontiers and that she should not pay Yugoslavia any reparations.

There is at present no indication that Russia intends to make concessions over these two questions on which she has so far consistently backed Yugoslavia's claims against Austria.

There has been some speculation among diplomatic observers in London whether, if Russia wished to make concessions over Austria, she would not aim at making them in direct talks with the United States rather than at the London deputies' conference.

—Reuter.

Queen's Palace Gutted

The Hague, May 18.

Fire today destroyed most of the roof of Queen Wilhelmina's Palace of Noordeinde in The Hague and, for a time, threatened the Palace treasures, which were removed under the direction of Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana.

The flames had taken a firm hold of the building before the fire brigades arrived, and mounted police had to hold back the throngs of people attracted by the blaze.

Queen Wilhelmina was not in the building. The fire, believed to have been caused by painters using blow lamps to remove varnish, started on the top floor and the whole roof was quickly engulfed.

The fire coincided with a fire brigade exhibition now being held here, and the fire engines had to travel a considerable distance to the blaze.—Reuter.

Tokyo, May 19.

Japan's birthrate in February showed an increase of 37,282 over the previous month. February births totalled 200,481 and deaths 99,293.—Reuter.

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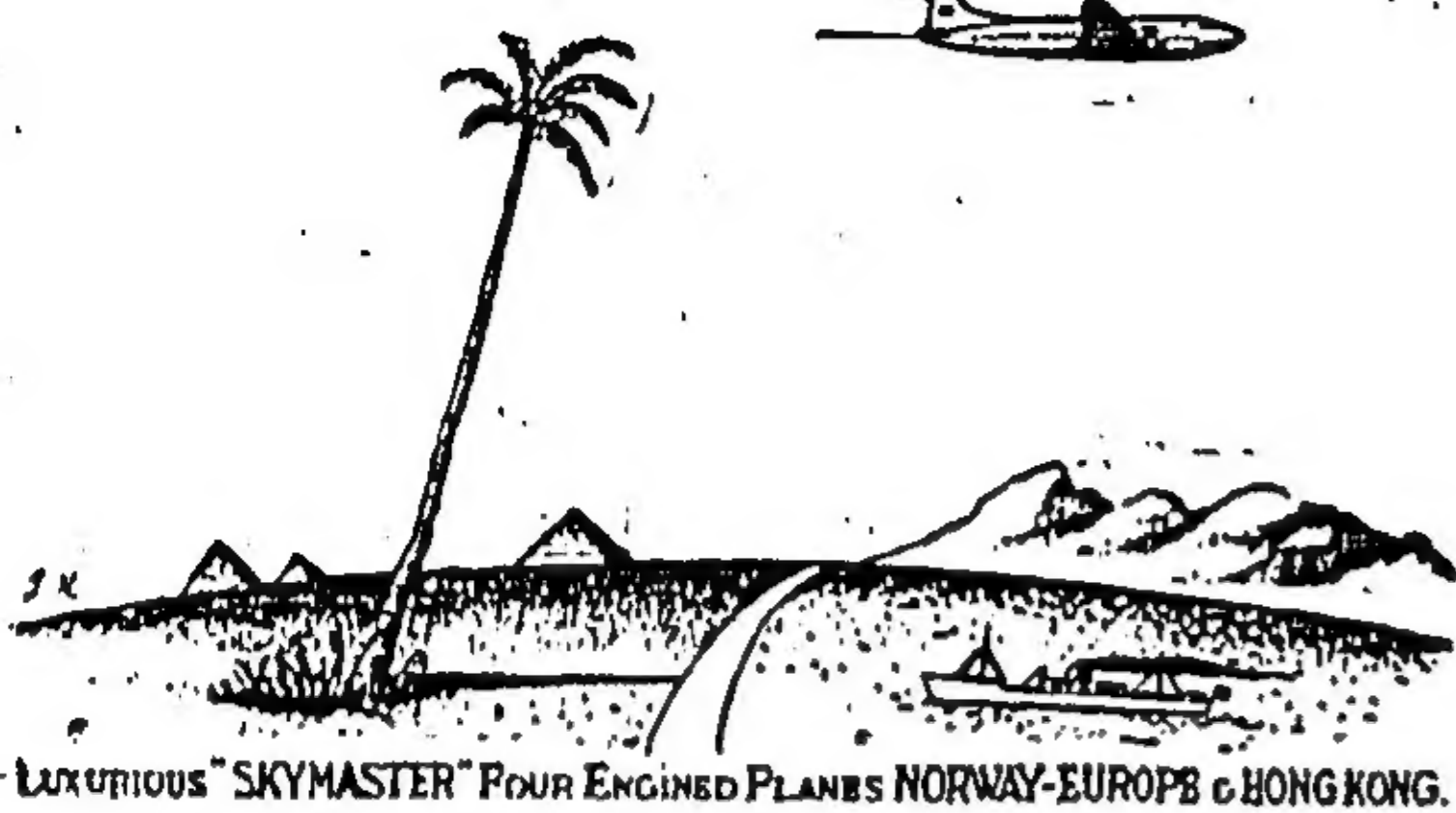
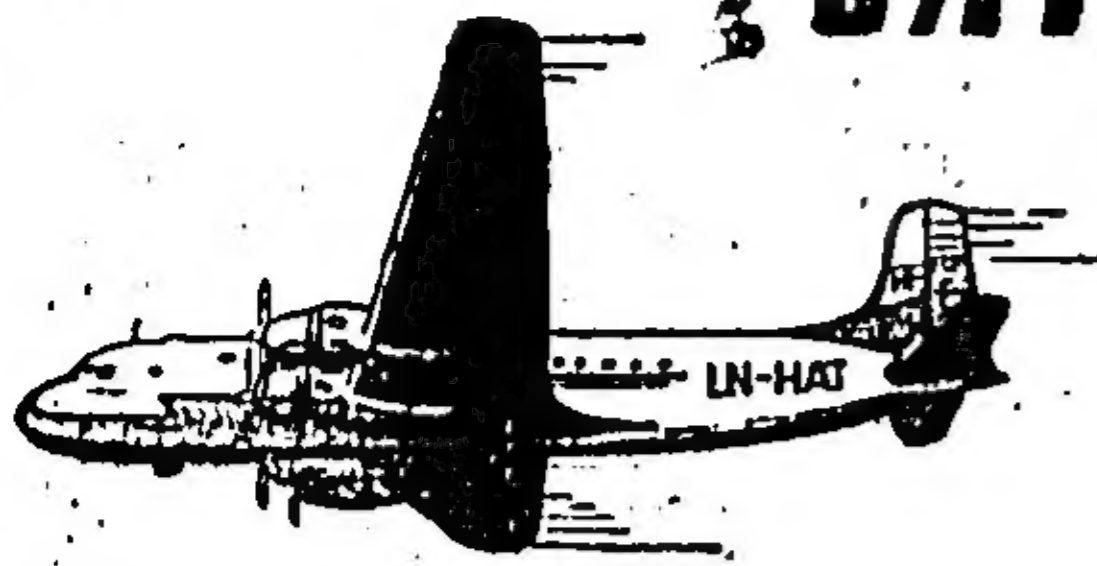
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AMERICAN REPORT ON JAPAN: STARTLING RECOMMENDATIONS

Big Reparations Slash Proposed

Washington, May 18.

The Army today released a report recommending that Japanese reparations be slashed to about \$165,000,000, which is far below any previous proposal, and urging immediate large-scale economic aid to enable Japan to build up its exports to \$1,575,000,000 annually.

The report also urged that the breaking up of the Zaibatsu and other economic organizations should be as limited as possible to achieve its objective and not retard Japanese recovery.

The report of the Draper-Hoffman-Johnston mission laid down six general recommendations to enable Japan to attain her export goal.

1. The report said: "Japan's merchant fleet should be substantially enlarged. Even if given an opportunity to increase merchant shipping by building, purchasing and bareboat chartering, it will be many years before Japan's merchant tonnage can be reasonably adequate for its needs."

2. The committee said the United States should "use our influence to overcome understandable trade discriminations which are practiced against Japan," especially in the Far Eastern markets.

3. The committee urged the resumption of "active trade between China and Japan."

Cotton Textiles

4. The committee said that Japan should obtain all possible food imports from nearby sources as she did before the war "rather than from expensive dollar areas as at present."

5. "Direct business contacts between buyers and sellers should be encouraged" and the Japanese Government should cut all possible "red tape" and other restrictions.

6. It recommended that "all export possibilities must be stimulated" mentioning particularly cotton textiles, expanded use of woollen and worsted facilities of Japan, rayon and raw silk.

It said that:—
1. The Japanese Government should try to balance its budget "at the earliest possible moment."
2. The Japanese Government should reduce Government expenditures and
3. Occupation authorities should continue their efforts to reduce occupation costs."

Yen Rate

4. "Controlled prices should be adjusted as expeditiously as possible to production costs" and subsidies be discontinued wherever possible.

5. SCAP should continue prodding the Japanese to augment tax collections and
6. The Japanese Government should make greater efforts to collect all income taxes due from those who file their own tax returns and do not have taxes withheld at source.

Guerillas Raid Kashmir

New Delhi, May 19.
Moslem guerrilla raiders from the mountainous Gilgit State infiltrated into the Indian-held area of Kashmir, attacking Indian troops guarding the northern approaches to Kashmir, it was announced today.

The announcement said Indian troops repulsed the raiders with heavy losses. Gilgit is a tribal state bordering Russia. It was seized by the British at the end of the nineteenth century to forestall a feared Russian southward advance by Russia toward India.

The British handed the state government to Kashmir's Hindu Maharajah Hari Singh when they quit India last August. The Maharajah's governor ruled the state until November, 1947, when Moslem rebels overthrew the Hindu governor and claimed the state for Pakistan.

The report said Indian troops still held Skardu, control point for the 6,000-foot Buri pass which connects Gilgit with the fertile Kashmir valley.

The communiqué said other Moslem guerrillas in the southern Jammu sector at Poonch, near the Pakistan frontier, set fire to a fort and attacked the Indian positions under cover of smoke. The Moslems were repulsed with artillery fire.—United Press.

FOOD STRIKES OVER

The food protest strikes in Han-
over ended today when the last of the strikers, 45,000 men, chemical and rubber workers, resumed work. The German news service, DINA, reported.—Reuter.

Tax Factory Explosion

Kearney, New Jersey, May 18.

At least 10 were killed in an explosion followed by fire at a tax and chemical factory here shortly before midnight last night. Nine bodies were taken from the ruins of the building and a tenth victim died in hospital.

Firemen searched the wreckage for other victims of the explosion, which also set off a fire in an adjoining building.—Reuter.

Victory For Jews Forecast

Rochester, N.Y., May 18.

Victory for the Jewish armies fighting the Arabs in Palestine was predicted by a London publisher today.

Guy Bartholomew, Chairman of the Board of the London Daily Mirror, said in an interview with the Rochester Times Union that world Jewry could not afford "to let the Jews in Palestine down."

"The Arabs may win some of the opening battles but in the long run the Jews will win," he said.

He said that a United Nations Army should be sent to Palestine to stop the fighting.

The publisher declared that the British public "wholeheartedly supports" the withdrawal from Palestine.—Associated Press.

MURDER IN A PRISON

Oxford, May 18.

Twenty-three-year-old Harry Nichols was sentenced today to hang for the St. Patrick's Day slaying of a fellow inmate at Oxford prison.

"I was singing 'I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen' as it was St. Patrick's Day," Nichols testified. "He woke up and said, 'If you don't shut your noisy Irish mouth, you won't take anyone home again.'"

Nichols said he lashed out at the other prisoner, Thomas Toner, with his fists and "after that I don't remember."

Police witnesses testified Nichols told them he hated Toner because he "kept moaning about conditions."

The hanging sentence will be commuted to life imprisonment under Government policy in force since a House of Commons vote last month to suspend the death penalty for murder for an experimental five-year period.—Associated Press.

EIRE MAY NOT TAKE MARSHALL AID

Dublin, May 19.

The Foreign Minister, Sean McBride, warned today that Eire may not be able to take part in the Marshall Plan.

He spoke to a press conference before leaving tonight for the United States by air where he will talk over this problem, as well as others, in Washington.

"I should like to warn against optimism in connection with ERP aid. Announcements from Washington indicate that in the case of Ireland this aid will be only by way of a loan, inasmuch as our exports to Western Hemisphere countries are negligible we would have no means of repaying any dollars the United States might be kind enough to offer."

"Hence it appears to me that we may find ourselves unable to avail ourselves of ERP aid if it is by way of a loan. Acceptance of a loan, on however generous terms, would be undertaking an obligation to repay in dollars the amount advanced," he said.

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COMMUNIST WORK

Athens, May 18.

The Greek Minister of Public Order, M. Constantinidis, declared today that the assassination on May 1 of M. Christos Laddas, former Greek Minister of Justice, was carried out on the orders of the Communist Party.—Reuter.

SPEEDING UP AIR TRAVEL

Geneva, May 19.

A 17-nation conference to ease governmental formalities hindering air transport, opened in the Palace of the Nations here today.

The conference, the second session of the division of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, is to continue for two weeks. The delegates are expected to make recommendations aimed at speeding up the formalities of customs, immigration, public health and currency exchange controls at airports.—Associated Press.



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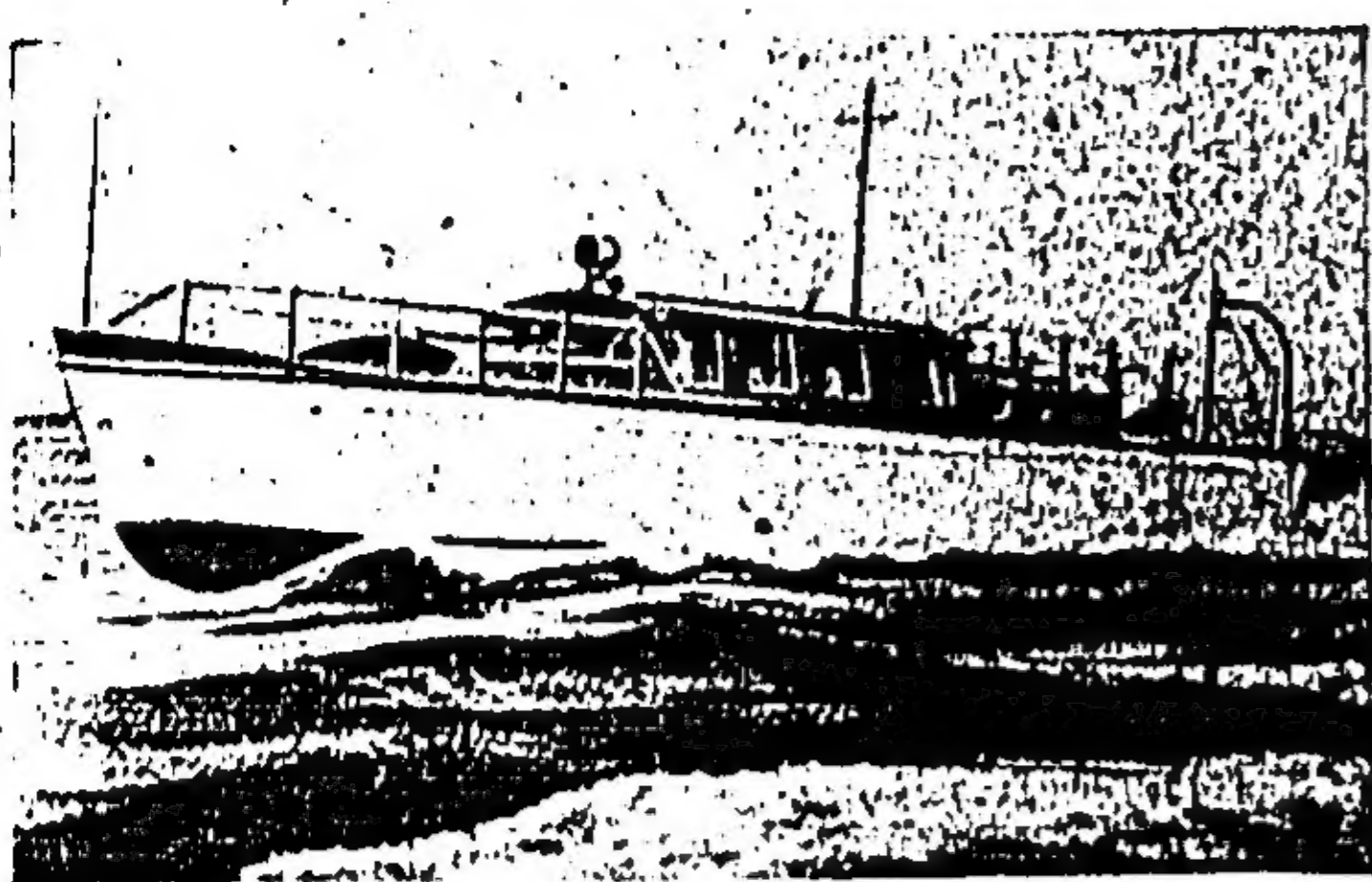
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ENGINEERING PAGE

Modern Features Of Recent Rolling Stock Construction

Pictures in this page show a "Self-Service" Cafeteria Car recently constructed at the Railway Workshops at Islington, South Australia, for use on the S.A. Railways. The car has an overall length of 77 ft. is 9' 6" wide, weighs 44 tons fully equipped and incorporates many unusual features of design which are of interest to technicians in this field of construction.

The car is carried on four-wheel bogies of a fabricated light weight design, made up of mild steel pressings, electrically welded together. The roller bearing axleboxes and flexible springs combined with the liberal use of rubber and special bonded asbestos wearing surfaces, ensure the passenger a smooth and comfortable ride, and noise being considerably reduced. The underframe, side frames and roof are combined in a box unit by welding the sections together. All side frame, roof and floor members are steel pressings and the result is a light-weight fabricated structure of exceptional strength and rigidity.

In the general design special attention has been given to temperature control and the reduction of noise by the use of kapok mattresses as insulators in the side frames and roof, provision of two inches of cork and rubber in the floor and the double glazing of all the windows, the inner panes of which are shatter-proof. Its streamlined appearance is enhanced by the attractive exterior paneling of anodised aluminium alloy which is of

1/32-inch thick strips and was rolled in unbroken lengths of 72 feet. The interior is coloured masonite and includes anodised aluminium fittings, generous window space, and venetian blinds for the windows, the slats of which are also anodised aluminium. An unusual table and seating arrangement enables ready access to each vacant seat without inconvenience to other passengers.

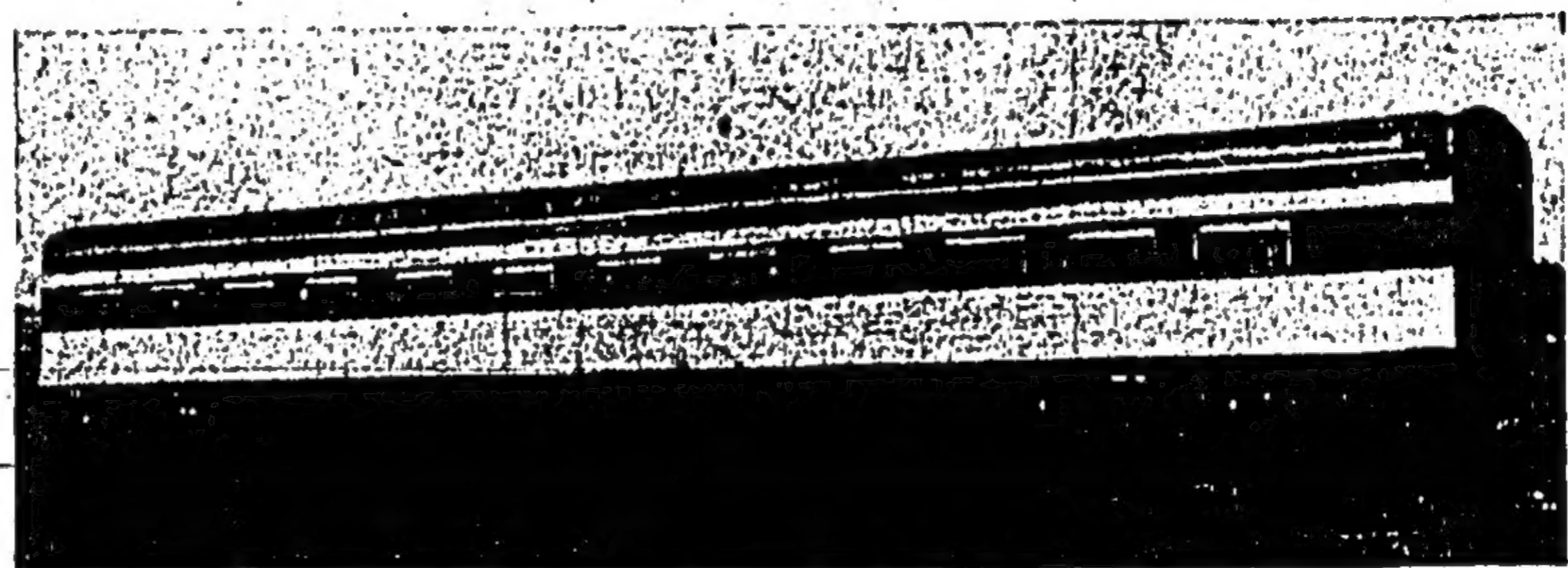
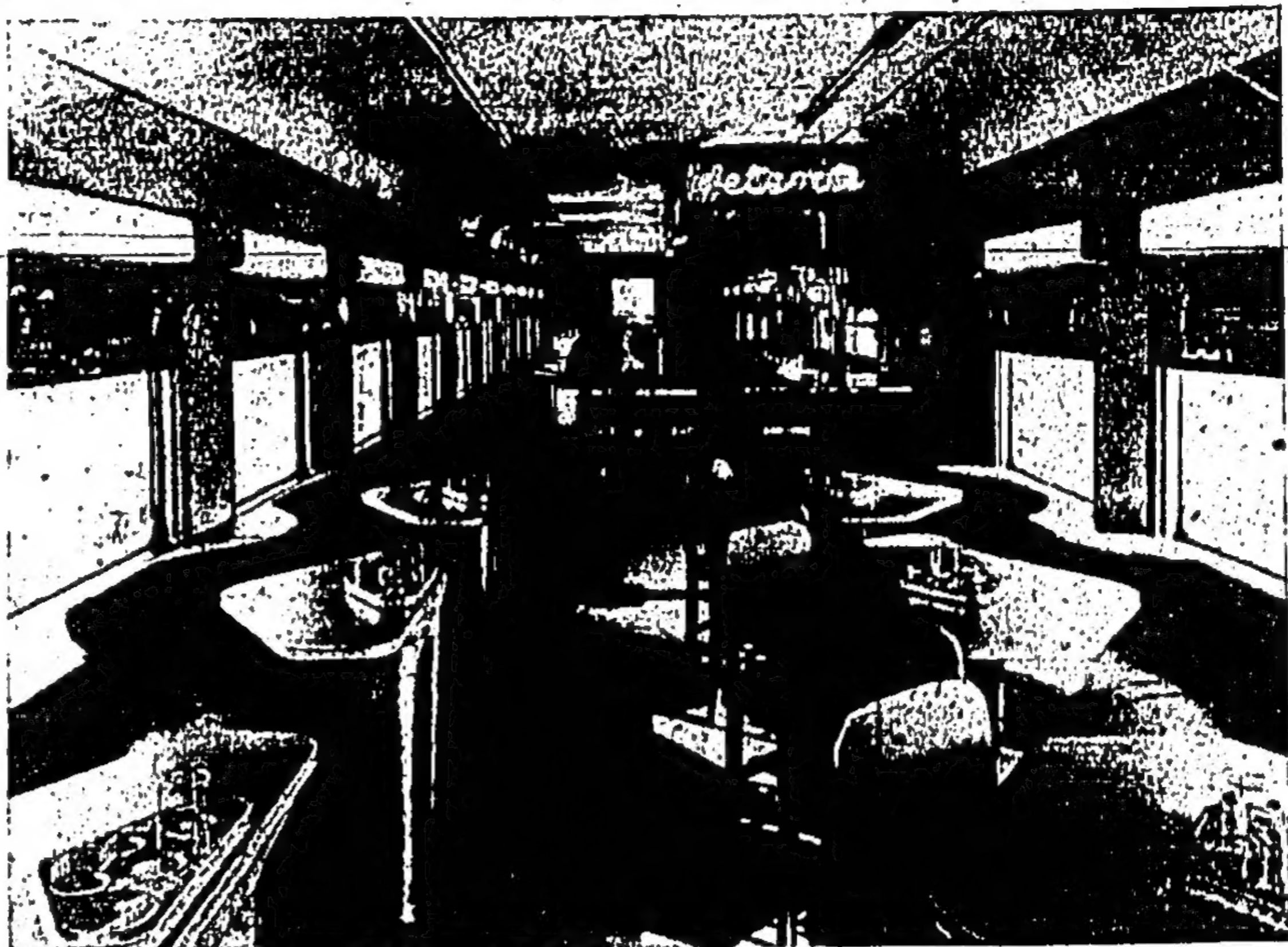
Air Conditioning

The air conditioning arrangement gives a constant supply of filtered air at controlled tem-

perature with the construction of a relatively small number of cars. In the latter year, the workshops were modernised and the main engineering block is now an all-steel building with a floor area of 600 ft. x 377 ft. and is fitted up, with many modern machines. Included in the equipment is a Gap Rivetter with crane towers 70' above the floor and squeezes rivets up to 1 1/4 inches diameter into boilers; a number of Presses up to a capacity of 1,000 tons; Batteries of Automatic appliances; and numerous Multiple Drills and Automatic Lathes.

Paint Mills, and now not only manufactures its own rolling stock, Locomotives and Railway requirements but also, where other railroads have found difficulty in obtaining equipment, have constructed a large number of cars and other railway items to meet urgent needs.

These workshops are now engaged upon a comprehensive programme of construction which includes the building of Sleeping Cars, incorporating the latest features in this type of Railway Transportation Main-



perature which is circulated with a complete air change every six minutes.

The electrically operated catering equipment is of the most modern design and provides refrigeration space for cold meats, salads, liquids and ice cream, with the usual heated containers for cooked foods, soup, coffee and tea.

Two separate electrical installations provide the power required for the various services and uses. A 20 kilowatt, 48 volt D.C. Generator, driven from one bogie wheel axle, supplies power for the air conditioning system and emergency lighting, while a 25 K.V.A. 415 volt 3 phase generator, driven by a 30 H.P. 6 cylinder V type petrol engine, supplies the main lighting, heating and refrigerating power.

The use of aluminium in the general construction is designed to minimise dead weight as well as for its decorative qualities. The Cafeteria Car can accommodate 45 passengers and its construction is in keeping with the high standard of skill and design maintained by the Islington Workshops.

Some of the features of the workshops in which this car was constructed may be of interest.

At Islington

The Islington Workshops with 2,000 employees, is controlled by the South Australian State Railways, and covers a total area of 103 acres of which 23 1/2 acres are occupied by buildings.

The earliest shops were built in 1890 and the main work carried out until 1926 was the maintenance and repair of rolling

and a variety of types of heavy machine tools and equipment.

The Workshops layout incorporates a complete Chemical and Physical Testing Laboratory; an air conditioned Tool room; a Heat Treatment Department with Electric Furnaces; and Metrology centre. The Plant has ferrous and non-ferrous Foundries; Forge Shops and

Line Passenger and Buffet cars and also in the Passenger field, the conversion of existing cars to modern requirements. Freight stock including open steel wagons and wooden Louvre cars are also on the production lines. Modern streamlined 4-6-2 type locomotives for fast passenger traffic are also in production and a number have already been placed in service.

New Developments In Radar And Radio

At the British Industries Fair Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., of Chelmsford, England, last week showed some of the latest developments in radar and in radio for communication and navigation. Their stand was in the Empire Hall, Olympia, London. The exhibits included police equipment; long-distance communication equipment, such as is used on the world's telegraph services; the latest developments in television transmitter equipment and F. M. broadcasting; electronic testing and measuring equipment; commentator's microphones, and a display of radio valves which includes the largest water-cooled transmitter valve in the world.

The smallest of the exhibits is a 2 watt combined transmitter and receiver which has been developed for use by river pilots. It works on very high frequencies and can easily be car-

ried on board a vessel by a pilot so that he has a portable self-contained means of talking to the shore or to the pilots of other vessels. Other applications of this set include its use by the Press for reporting and for a variety of mobile uses.

The police equipment includes a new frequency-modulated "headquarters" set for communication with police cars and with other control centres. A new development is a complete rack assembly of control centre equipment. This rack—which has been designed for use at the control centre of a large metropolitan or county police force—combines in one compact unit all the various control panels and equipment used for diversity transmission and reception. Diversity communication is being widely adopted by the police as a means of ensuring clear and reliable contact with mobile units over a very wide area.



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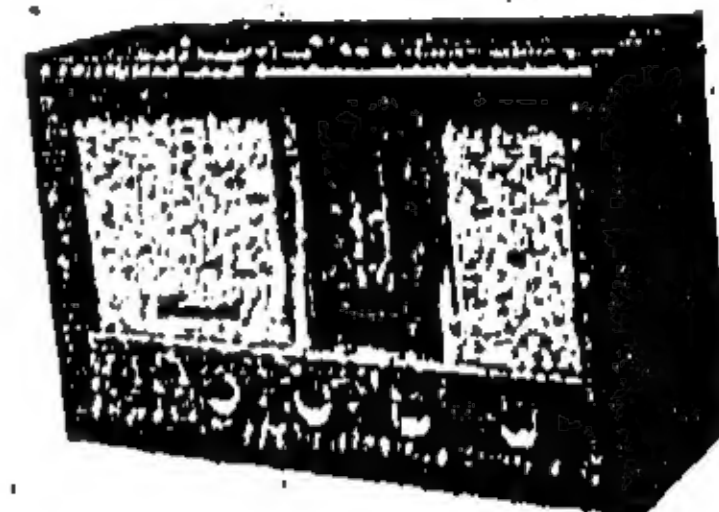
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SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	READY
S.S. "BENMACDUI"	London, Antwerp	28th May
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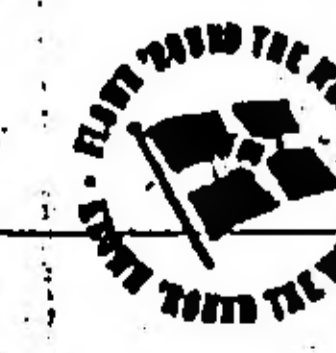
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STALIN PROPOSAL REJECTED

Not Russo-American Bilateral Issues Of Compelling Interest To Many Countries

Washington, May 18.

The United States Government tonight formally rejected Marshal Stalin's proposal of bilateral American-Russian talks on the basis of the open letter sent to him by Mr. Henry Wallace, the third party Presidential candidate.

Marshal Stalin's latest diplomatic move, announced by Moscow Radio last night, was made in response to an "open letter" addressed to him by Mr. Wallace. Marshal Stalin accepted the issues outlined by Mr. Wallace as a basis for the talks.

Tonight, the State Department, in a statement, formulated, it was understood, by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, after consultation with President Truman, said:

"The State Department has seen the press reports of a statement by Premier Stalin in response to an 'open letter' from Mr. Wallace. 'They are of intimate and compelling interest to many countries, and have been under negotiation for the past two years or more in bodies where other countries were represented, such as the United Nations and the Council of Foreign Ministers.

"If one side refuses to collaborate, the result will be conflict-war," he added.

The same observers regarded the Wallace proposals as a much less concrete basis for discussion than Marshal Stalin's references to them appeared to suggest.

They felt that the generalization in them would soon lead to a whole series of Soviet-American deadlocks if the United States agreed to open discussions. Among the proposals of the Wallace letter, which Marshal Stalin described as "among the most important political documents of recent times," were a concrete programme for a peaceful settlement of the differences between the USSR and the United States.—Reuter.

19 Dead In Cyclone

Rio de Janeiro, May 18. Nineteen were reported killed and more than 100 injured by a cyclone in southern Brazil today.

Houses were destroyed and other extensive damage was caused by the cyclone.—Reuter.

Japan, and the removal of troops from China and Korea. In a personal reply to Mr. Wallace, Marshal Stalin said: "The important meaning of the open letter consists in the fact that it does not limit itself to a declaration, but goes further, makes a serious step forward and gives a concrete programme for a peaceful settlement of the differences between the USSR and the United States."—Reuter.

MORE LIGHT ON ATOM TESTS

Honolulu, May 18.

The recent atomic tests at Eniwetok proved "how bombs now under development by the United States would work" and their efficiency.

Lifting the curtain of secrecy only slightly, Lieutenant General John E. Hull, Commander of the Joint Task Force, said today: "We got our answers and we like the answers."

It was implied strongly that the new weapons are a vast improvement over the Hiroshima bomb and those tested at Bikini. Lieut. Gen. Hull and his staff returned by plane from the remote, closely guarded atoll where three improved atomic weapons were tested.

Lt. Gen. Hull told a news conference none of the tests were under water. Nor was there an Air Corps, added Major General William E. Kepner, Air Force Deputy with the task force. These were the two types of tests conducted at Bikini.

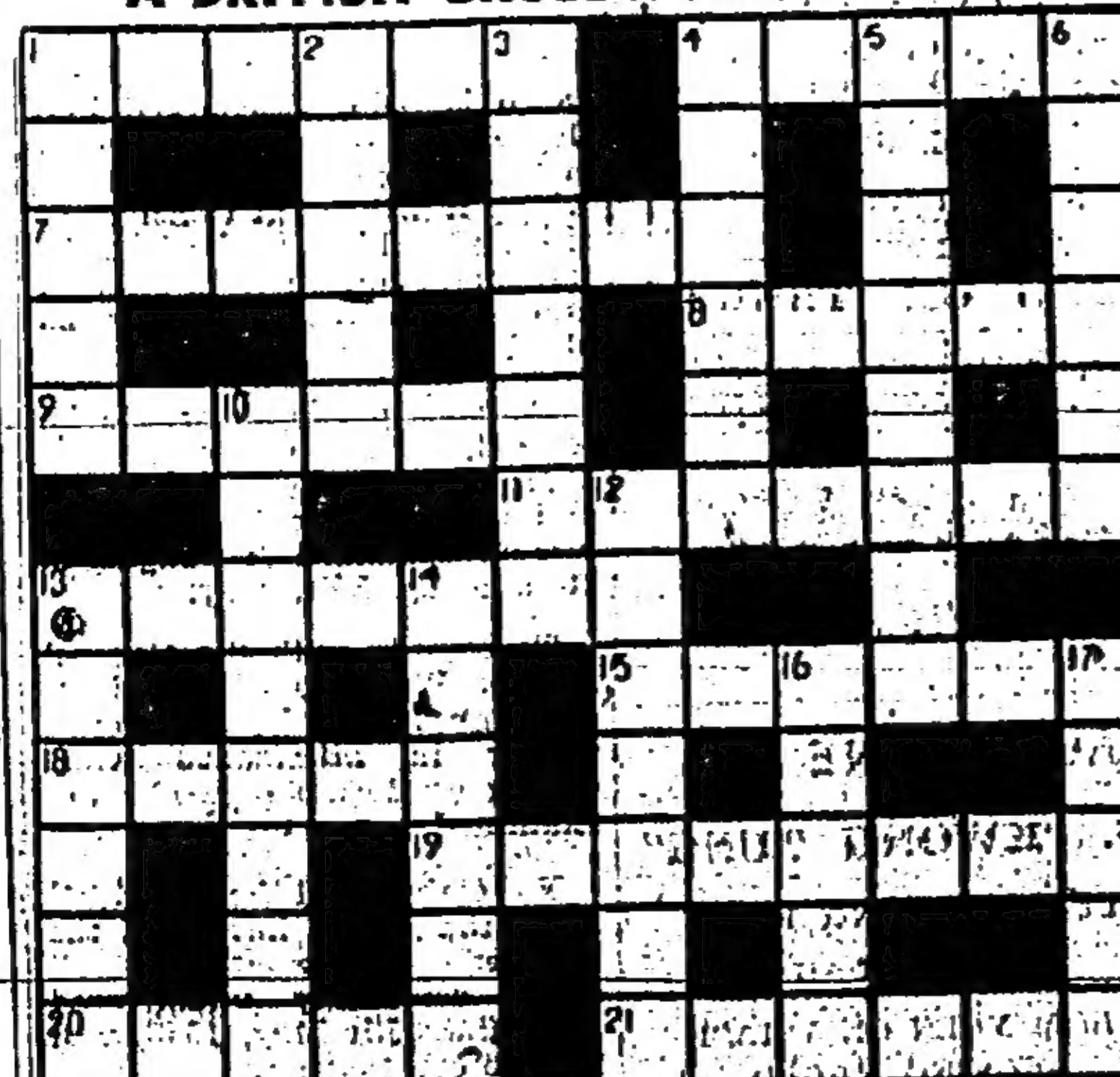
Asked whether a guided missile was used, Lt. Gen. Hull said:

G.M. STRIKE PENDING

Detroit, May 18. A formal 10-day notice that a strike of 225,000 General Motors workers "is pending" was filed today by the United Automobile Workers.

Negotiations are in progress in an effort to avert the strike.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Meal.
2. Hurry.
3. Of genial disposition.
4. Revile.
5. Property.
6. Coward.
7. Us.
8. Swift.
9. Explode.
10. Merit.
11. Power.
12. Murk.

Clues Down

1. Great.
2. Secret.
3. Calamity.
4. Worry.
5. Fold.
6. Stretch.
7. Narrowing.
8. Attract.
9. Symbol.
10. Vent.
11. Amorphous.
12. Tales.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Mass, 4. Respire, 8. Idol, 9. Sham, 10. Balance, 11. Plot, 12. Oral, 14. Others, 15. Renew, 16. Tased, 22. Yearned, 23. Lys, 24. Rock, 25. Bungle.
- Down: 2. Simple, 3. Rob, 5. Elated, 6. Peach, 7. Ho, 13. Org, 18. Anna, 19. Easy, 20. Side, 21. Dilect, 26. Allego, 27. Prime, 28. Kaude, 29. Right, 30. Vase.

Siamese Military Out Of Hand

Bangkok, May 18.

The chiefs of the Defence Ministry resigned today. They said they could no longer control the military.

Those resigning were the Defence Minister, Lieutenant-General Luang Chart Nekrob, and his assistant Ministers, Rear-Admiral Luang Sathavannat and Group-Captain Monchoo Rangyayakum. The Defence Minister was in the Cabinet of Premier Khuang Aphul-wong which was forced out by the military in March. He was persuaded to stay on in the Government of Premier Pibun Songgram on condition that the coup clique did not interfere with the administration of the armed forces.

Army troops in recent weeks have been involved in a series of robberies, rape and other crimes. Police announced some were involved in the US\$3,000,000 gold robbery last week.—Associated Press.

Light Rates Raised

London, May 18. Recently nationalised electricity companies today raised electric bills for London and many other parts of England.

C. T. Mellington, chairman of the Eastern Electricity Board, told a press conference that the price jump was made necessary by the increased cost of coal and rises in wages and salaries for electric company employees. Mellington said that even before nationalisation many private companies had planned to raise the rates. He estimated that the Eastern Electricity Board would face a loss of \$8,000,000 this year.—United Press.

NEW MODERATOR

Edinburgh, May 18. The Reverend Alexander MacDonald, Minister of St. Columba's Church in Glasgow, was elected Moderator of the Church of Scotland today.—Associated Press.

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M.V. "REINHOLD"	about May 28th
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"TREVILIAN"	Japan	28th May
"TREVAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	30th May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai	5th June
"TREVISE"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	17th June
"TREVAN"	Japan	22nd June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"ORBITA"	Shanghai	28th May
"TREVILIAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	31st May
"TREVAN"	Shanghai & Japan	2nd June
"ORBITA"	U.K.	9th June
"TREVISE"	Shanghai & Japan	21st June
"TREVAN"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	24th June

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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"TURNER"	Shanghai	24th May
"OZARDA"	Bombay	7th June
SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TURNER"	Bombay via Straits	31st May
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	10th June

APCAR LINE

ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Japan & Amoy	22nd May
"SIRDHANA"	Calcutta & Straits	16th June

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta	25th May
"SIRDHANA"	Amoy & Shanghai	10th June

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"NANKIN"	Japan & Shanghai	28th May
"NELLORE"	Australia & Manila	10th June

SAILINGS

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"NANKIN"	Manila, Sandakan, Rabaul, Brisbane & Sydney	7th June
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"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports, 25th May	to Javaports & Macassar, 6th June.
"TJIBESAR" In port	to Macassar & Javaports 28th May

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America, South Africa, 23rd May	Sailing to Shanghai & Kobe 26th May to South Africa, South America, via Manila, Straits & Batavia 6th June to Shanghai 12th June to South Africa, South America, 29th June
"TEGELBERG" from South America, South Africa, 16th June	
"RUIYS" from South Africa 29th May	to South Africa 29th May

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SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"HEINRICH JESSEN" In port	to Straits & Belawan Deli 20th May
"VAN HEUTZ" from B. Deli & Straits 29th May	to Straits & B. Deli 7th June

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE.

Arrivals	Sailings
"RIDERKERK" from Japan & Shanghai 29th May	to Europe via Straits 31st May.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe 5th June	to Europe via Straits 7th June
"MOLENERK" from Europe, early July.	to Europe via Straits, late July.

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	Mid. June	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
	Late June	m.v. "TONGHAI"

ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"
	22nd June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	25th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Late June	m.v. "BENGAL"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
San Francisco & Los Angeles	Mid. June	m.v. "HALLAND"

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American Loans Repayment

Washington, May 18. Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, ERP Administrator, said today at a press conference that he planned "very definitely" to make purchases in Eastern Europe for the European recovery programme. Mr. Hoffman said the purchases would probably be confined to goods in short supply in the United States, such as coal, wheat and timber. Mr. Hoffman said it was hoped very shortly to extend to Latin America the Economic Cooperation Administration's purchases in the Western Hemisphere which have, so far, been confined to Canada.

It would, however, be some time before arrangements could be completed for using Marshall Plan funds in Argentina. Questioned on the United States Administration's plans for lending money to Europe, Mr. Hoffman said he intended to make "the kind of loans that could be repaid, and should be repaid, if recovery takes place."

At the same press conference, Mr. Averell Harriman, the new Ambassador, reported on his recent visit to Europe. He said he was gratified by the "substantial progress" made by the organization for European economic cooperation in getting its organization together and the enthusiasm with which problems were being tackled.

Not Unilateral

Mr. Harriman added that he was now working with Mr. Hoffman on the completion of the various ERP staffs to be placed in the European capitals and would probably leave Washington again to take up permanent residence in Paris in about 10 days time. He agreed that it would be some time before the organization had comprehensive requirements listed and ready to place before the ECA in Washington. It was hoped, however, to have their estimates for the July to September quarter of this year within two or three weeks.

Answering questions, Mr. Harriman denied the United States intended to impose a unilateral policy. "The United States has no unilateral policy," he said.

Supply Of Talent

All mutual problems will be tackled together between the United States and the European Governments concerned. It was announced at the press conference that the ECA is setting up a standing committee of leading American financiers to revise on policies for stabilizing

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Sterling And E.R.P.

Washington, May 18. Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan roving Ambassador in Europe, said today the United States would seek a "mutual" solution with Britain of the problem of the sterling area and its relationship to the European recovery programme. He flatly denied that the United States intended to impose a bilateral policy in this matter.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold opened at \$332.00 yesterday. Selling pressure brought the price down to \$317.75. The market was depressed till late in the afternoon when on the strength of renewed rumours of devaluation it recovered to \$321.75.

Deliveries totalled 9,380 tolas, of which 4,380 were official and 5,000 unofficial. Ptasas depreciated to \$10.67 1/2 a 100, after opening at \$10.77 1/2.

Chinese National Currency also declined and closed at 5.1 cents for futures and 5.2 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) after opening at 5.125 cents and 5.4 cents respectively.

Ticals were unchanged at \$25.60 a 100. NEI Guilders were quiet at \$42.30/42.40. U.S. dollars were slightly easier at \$5.37 1/2.

Sterling declined to \$14.40, while Australian pounds appreciated to \$12.55.

POLAND FOLLOWS SUIT

London, May 18. The Polish Government has officially recognised the independent State of Israel, Warsaw Radio said tonight. The United States, the Soviet Union and Guatemala have already recognised Israel.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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Peak Trams (Old) X.D. 20, 20b. (New) X.D. 14, 14b.

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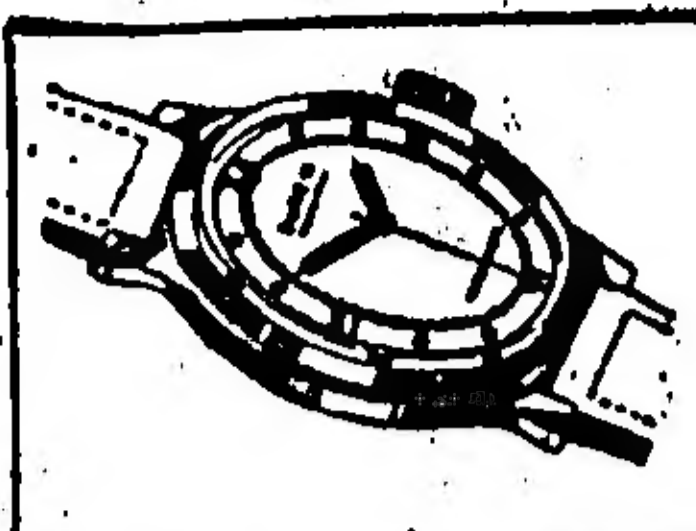
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Stage Club's General Meeting

The first general meeting of the Hong Kong Stage Club since the inaugural committee elections in 1946 was held last night in the King George's Hall of the Missions to Seamen's Institute.

The Rev. Clifford Davies, R.N., retiring chairman of the Club, read the report on the last year's presentations. In his address he dealt with the history of the Stage Club, when it was "primarily a Services organization."

"Since the Club was founded, no fewer than fourteen plays have been produced, ranging from 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' to the Medieval Mystery, 'Everyman,' he said.

At the moment the Club is in a state of transition, as many of the service personnel who formerly made up its ranks are leaving. The responsibility for continuing this civilian-service position will therefore rest with the new committee.

The chairman added: "Given a larger stage and a more commodious house, there is no reason why the next season should not be a great success."

Long-Term Policy

"I should like to see a programme mapped out for next year to include, say, a Shakespeare play, amongst other things."

"I should like to see a long-term policy with regard to a permanent home being established. We should aim to provide Hong Kong with full facilities for enjoyment of the Theatrical Art."

"It needs vision, enterprise and hard work. I.E. the Governor, who has recently honoured us by becoming our Patron, I know sees in us the germ of a cultural centre for the Colony—we can do great things with patience and perseverance, and this aim should not be forgotten."

"As to our radio work, we have an enthusiastic nucleus of ardent broadcasters who are doing excellent work. Although at the moment we are somewhat cramped in production by the limits of the Z.B.W. Studio, this will not always be the case."

The Rev. Clifford Davies, R.N., was re-elected Chairman. The following committee was elected: Mr. R. Collins, Mrs. C. Campbell, Mr. Alan Russell, Mr. Philip Burn, Mr. Peter Gregory, Father Sheehan, and Mr. Hubert Clarke. Lt.-Col. E. B. Branson-Creagh, secretary of the Dramatic Group of the Sino-British Club, concluded the meeting with an address on the new "Oscar" awards, explaining the Group's desire to gain the co-operation of the various dramatic groups of the Colony for the good of the Stage in general.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the retiring committee.

Two Chinese males, one residing in Graham Street and the other in Queen's Road West, were admitted to hospital yesterday, both suffering from an overdose of lyso.

COUNTY CRICKET

MIDDLESEX OVERCOME BIG TASK

London, May 18.
The brave recovery of Sussex after following on, set Middlesex the surprisingly big task of making 220 runs to win in three and a quarter hours, but another century by Jack Robertson, his second of the match, enabled the champions to win with 35 minutes to spare.

Except for a chance at 88 to Bartlett at mid-off from the bowling of Jack Oakes, Robertson's innings was untroubled. Perfectly timed drives and pulls brought him most of his 15 fours in a stay of two hours and 20 minutes. He made 137 out of 169.

After a flurry of excitement, the Roses match ended in a draw, wholly in Lancashire's favour. The Yorkshiremen failed to save the follow-on, losing their last six first innings wickets for 49 runs before lunch. In the follow-on, the failure of the early batsmen, including Hutton, saw Lester wicket for 43 and when a possible two hours play remained and Yorkshire stood in grave danger.

Wilson (41) and Aspinall (42 not out) remained together in a stubborn fifth wicket stand of 87 and saved the match.

Hampshire won a thrilling race with the clock in beating Kent by two wickets, successfully accepting Valentine's challenge to score 124 to win in 65 minutes.

Tennis Player's Feat

London, May 18.
Miss Gem Ho-hing, Chinese tennis player, who was born in Hong Kong, recently performed a remarkable feat in a tennis tournament at Hurlingham near London. In the finals of the women's singles she created a record in beating the prominent English player, Miss E. C. Peters without conceding a single game—the first time this has happened in the finals of this tournament.

The feat is made all the more remarkable by the fact that Miss Ho, owing to failing eyesight which she feared last year might prevent her competing in further tennis tournaments, has now to wear spectacles. Several commentators have remarked on her fine play in this match and have suggested she might be considered for inclusion in the Wightman Cup team.

This is not her only success this season for she had already won the Surrey hard court championship and has reached the semi-final of the British hard court championship.

Body In Shark And Skeleton Found

A 450 lb. shark was caught on Whit Monday by Choi Ma, a fisherman from Shek-O Village, off Cape d'Agulhar Peninsula. Choi brought his catch back to Shek-O Village where he sold it to the Fuk Lee Fish Shop. When it was cut open, the remains of a decomposed male body were discovered. The only article by which the body may possibly be identified is a pair of jungle-green Army-issue trousers. Mystery surrounds the discovery of a human skeleton on the beach at one of Hong Kong's popular bathing resorts yesterday.

The skeleton, which has not yet been identified, was found by Lieut. Brown of the R.A.S.G. among the rocks at Tweed Bay, Stanley.

According to a police report the skeleton is believed to have been washed up by the tide during the night.

Other Games

Results:
Derbyshire beat Warwickshire by 7 wickets. Warwickshire 398 and 34 for three. Derbyshire 177 and 284 (Elliott 91, Revell 52, Hollies six for 64).
At Worcester: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by an innings and 48 runs. Glamorgan 485 for nine declared (Watkins 101) Worcestershire 284 and 103 (White 51, Woolter four for 44).
At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Surrey by four wickets. Surrey 119 and 268 for 8 declared (Squires 110, F. R. Brown 54), Nottinghamshire 420 for 9 declared and 268 for six (Keeton 64, Hardstaff 79).
At Southampton: Hampshire beat Kent by two wickets. Hampshire 443 for 6 declared and 127 for 8. Kent 250 and 310 for 7.
At Lords: Middlesex beat Sussex by eight wickets. Middlesex 392 for 5 declared and 220 for two (Roberson 137), Sussex 136 and 455 (Jas Langridge 70, Bartlett 40, J. Oakes 53).
At Leicester: Leicestershire versus Northamptonshire, match drawn: Leicestershire 340 and 221 for nine declared, (Pren-tice not out 100), Northamptonshire 289 and 159 for 0. (Brookes not out 100, Davis not out 61).
At Leeds: Yorkshire versus Lancashire, match drawn: Lancashire 450, Yorkshire 256 and 177 for five.—Reuter.

Bowls Teams

Lawn Bowls teams:
Filipino Club, in a 2nd Division League match against the Taikoo Recreation Club at Taikoo on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.:
J. W. Lee, John Tang, R. O. Hughes, W. Field (Skip).
F. J. Rodriguez, John Cotton, W. G. Ogley, Dr. Alenza (Skip).
L. S. Da Silva, Alfred Taylor, H. Y. Hsu, Dan Rozario (Skip).
Filipino Club v. Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly at home on Sunday at 4.00 p.m.:
J. W. Lee, John Tang, Y. Abbas, W. Field (Skip).
F. J. Rodriguez, John Cotton, W. G. Ogley, V. Chittenden (Skip).
L. S. Da Silva, J. Laidlaw, H. Y. Hsu, Dan Rozario (Skip).
Reserves: Dr. Alenza, A. Taylor, C. F. Lee and J. Delgado.
Hong Kong Football Club 1st Team v. K.C.C. on Saturday on the K.C.C. green, at 3.30 p.m.:
J. Russell, J. Dixon, Dr. J. Selby, L. Jolly (Skip).
J. S. Howell, J. C. Grady, N. Bebbington, W. E. Hollands (Skip).
B. I. Bickford, J. Bradley, K. S. Robertson, C. Gough (Skip).
Reserves: F. D. Angus and E. C. Kerrison.

Hong Kong Football Club 2nd Team v. Club de Recreo on the H.K.F.C. green at 3.30 p.m.:
A. Coleman, H. Woolley, A. Bailey, C. Strange (Skip).
Lt. Col. Dowling, T. O. Morgan, K. Forrow, D. W. Fitches, Capt. (Skip).
J. Bennett, T. Waller, C. Carr, J. Hayward (Skip).
Reserves: G. Willerton, Ham-ley, L. Strange and R. Miller.
Hong Kong Electric Recreation v. Craigengower at Happy Valley on Saturday:
F. H. Fell, T. E. Boycott, R. de Rome and J. F. Lunny (skip).
J. O. Slooke, E. Poulson, W. Stonehouse and R. C. Butler (skip).
G. W. K. Crawford, J. H. Collins, J. F. Barron and A. G. Gardner (skip).

Indian Recreation Club First Division v. Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday:
M. B. Hansen, M. Y. Adal, S. Yusuf and A. M. Wabab (skip).
M. I. Razack, A. R. Ritchell, J. Hosen and A. R. Minu (skip).
K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (skip).
Second Division v. Club de Recreo (Away):
D. M. A. Razack, A. R. Razack, A. J. Hussain, G. M. Rumjahn (skip).
A. I. A. Rahman, M. A. Wabab, A. K. Sufaid, and A. Q. Sufaid (skip).
B. A. Cammabey, L. Kitchell, R. Hussain, and Y. A. Razack (skip).
Players residing in Hong Kong are requested to meet at the Hong Kong Star Ferry Wharf at 6 p.m.

Davis Cup

SWEDEN FAVOURED TO WIN EUROPEAN ZONE

London, May 19.
As Denmark became the eighth nation to enter the quarter-finals of the European zone in the Davis Cup competition, Sweden remained the outstanding favourite to win the contest for 1948.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lucerne, May 18.
Second Division champions, beat Lucerne by one goal to nil here tonight. The teams battled to a scoreless first half.—Reuter.

Paris, May 18.
Although the French lawn tennis championships do not start officially until tomorrow, a few preliminary matches were played at the Stade Roland Garros here today, among them being a first round men's singles match in which A. Shafel, of Egypt, beat J. Hugron, of France, by 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.—Reuter.

Sydney, May 18.
Eddie Miller, the Australian featherweight champion, is leaving here for England on June 1 to challenge Ronnie Clayton, the British and Empire champion, for his Empire title.

Miller has been promised a world title fight with the holder, Willie Pep, if he beats Clayton.—Reuter.

New York, May 18.
Bill Daly, the boxing manager, told Reuter today that he was considering offering from Stockholm for a match with Ole Tandberg, the Swedish heavyweight champion.

Daly said that Swedish promoters were anxious for him to send over Lee Savold and Pat Comiskey, a leading American heavyweight, for fights in Stockholm this summer.—Reuter.

Paris, May 18.
Josef Asboth, of Hungary, holder of the men's singles title in the French lawn tennis championships, has been scratched from this year's event, which opens here tomorrow.

Asboth left here for home immediately on learning of the death of his mother.

He was to have met F. Olcozaca, of Spain, in the second round this week.—Reuter.

London, May 18.
Mr. Noel Cannon, the trainer, stated at the Hurst Park races today that Mr. James Rank's Jack Scot will not run in the Derby.

"Jack Scot rapped himself at Chester and, as his joint has not responded to treatment, it will be impossible to train him for the big 'Epsom race," said Mr. Cannon.

Jack Scot was at one time quoted at 10 to 1 for the Derby, but he drifted to 35 to 1 after his defeat when a 100 to 5 on chance at Chester.—Reuter.

KWANGTUNG FACES FLOODS

Canton, May 18.
Kwangtung Province once again faces the danger of summer floods, while Hong Kong, 100 miles from here, is anxiously watching its low water supply situation.

The East River (a tributary of the Pearl River) is said to be overflowing and many of the fertile farmlands are under water. Farmers are reported to have gathered their possessions and taken to the hills.

Rising waters in the Han River (another tributary of the Pearl River) are also causing considerable anxiety, though the river level is falling.

The position is more serious in the West River area, where, according to reports from Shinghai, a West River town, rising waters have flooded the area. The West River is said to be under a great deal of strain.

Most of the boats and some of the homes in Shinghai have sunk nearby in case flood waters make land transport impossible.

Signs of swelling river waters can be seen in Canton itself, where the level of the Pearl River has visibly risen and streets in some areas are under water.

Traffic Suspended
A bridge along the Canton-Tungsha Highway was put out of commission by an inundating water, causing the suspension of traffic along this highway.

During the early part of May rainfalls were so persistent that some bridges had been unable to withstand the rising waters.

Badminton Championships Conclude Next Week

The Hong Kong Badminton Championships will be concluded next week, with semi-finals at Club de Recreo on Monday and Tuesday, and the finals at K.C.C. on Thursday and Friday.

At the end of the matches on Friday, a presentation of trophies (League and Championship) will be made.

Next week's matches on the four different evenings will start at 8.30. Arrangements have been made to cope with crowds expected.

On Monday, the programme consists of the Men's Senior Singles Semi-Finals in which Patrick Wong meets S.A. Vanar and Low Keat-soo opposes Robert Tay and the second of the Men's Junior Doubles Semi-Finals, the contestants being S. Saul and W. Gilles against K.S. Thong and T.H. Choo.

Umpires for the evening will be A.L. Fisher, P.H. Kwok and J.L. Anderson.

On Tuesday, also at Club de Recreo, the two Men's Senior Doubles Semi-Finals will be played off, and the second Mixed Doubles Semi-Final.

Taking part will be Patrick Wong and C. Au against T.S. Young and W.F. Foo; Low Keat-soo and S.A. Vanar against R. Tay and P.K. Hui; R. Tay and Miss W. Cheung against P.H. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro.

Semi-Final Play-Off

Umpires will be M.A. Oliveira, S.A. Gray and J.L. Anderson.

The first of the series of finals will be played at K.C.C. on Thursday, the matches being the Men's Senior Singles and the Men's Junior Doubles, interspersed with a Mixed Doubles exhibition match between M.A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva and T.S. Young and Miss K. Khoo.

Umpires will be A.L. Fisher, S.A. Gray and J.L. Anderson.

US Baseball

CARDINALS BEAT DODGERS NARROWLY

New York, May 18.
In the National League, the league-leading Cardinals squeezed out a 4-3 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Right fielder Enos Slaughter's two-run homer in the sixth off Ralph Branca provided the spark.

Third baseman Spider Jorgensen hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers as George Mauer won his fourth straight victory. Johnny Schmitz held Philadelphia to six hits as he pitched the Chicago Cubs to a 3-2 victory. The Phillies handed the Cubs three unearned runs.

The Pittsburgh at Boston and the Cincinnati at New York games are tonight.

In the American League, Saint Louis turned back the New York Yankees 5-5 despite homers by left fielder Charlie Keller and right fielder Johnny Lindell.

The Browns scored three times in both the fourth and fifth innings to hand Yankee pitcher Alie Reynolds his first defeat in six tries.

Allowed Six
Detroit allowed Boston six runs and then tallied seven times in the sixth and three times in the seventh to win 10-6.

Pitcher Ray Scarborough's 12th inning single scored rightfielder Sid Steward with the winning run as Washington ended a four game losing streak by beating the Chicago White Sox 5-4.

The Philadelphia at Cleveland game is tonight.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saint Louis R H E
Brooklyn 4 8 1
(Winning pitcher George Mauer)
Chicago 3 8 0
Philadelphia 2 0 4
(Winning pitcher Johnny Schmitz)

RACEHORSE INJURED
A local racehorse, which Police could not name, but described as "well-known," injured its left hind leg when it slipped at a truck yesterday near the junction of Shan Kwong and Village Road.

The horse was being led by a man when it frightened at the sudden appearance of a truck leaving Yuk Shau Street.

The horse injured its leg when it reared over a private motor vehicle parked nearby.

DERBY CALL-OVER

London, May 18.
The odds against My Babu, favourite for the Derby, were cut to 5 to 2 at the call-over at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

My Babu was quoted as 9 to 1 in the previous call-over.

Of the nine horses offered to tonight three were French. My Love, now owned in partnership by M. Leon Volterra and the Aga Khan, was easier to back at 100 to 7 compared with 100 to 8 last week, but the price of the French horse Royal Danke was cut from 55 to 1 to 28 to 1.

Prize, the third French colt, was quoted for the first time, and closed at 55 to 1.—Reuter.

Experienced RAOC Driver Fined \$30

Sgt. E. MacDonald, R.A.O.C., stated by his defence counsel (Mr. A. S. C. Comber) to have had "ten years' driving experience and possessing a clear record, was found guilty on the summons of failing to exercise such caution as to ensure the safety of all traffic and fined \$30 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Thomas Lock of 60B Nathan Road, second floor, summoned for the same offence, was found guilty after Mr. P.A.L. Vine had submitted that, on the evidence of Traffic Sub-Inspector D. Brown, defendant was travelling at a very reasonable speed.

In returning a verdict of guilty against MacDonald, Mr. Latimer said that he did not take a serious view of the case as it was "just one of those unfortunate things that do happen from time to time."

The two summons arose from a collision between Lock's car, an Austin 10 licence No. 603, and a military weapon carrier (A 2919) at the junction of Cameron Road and Carnarvon Road at 2.40 p.m. on March 22.

On March 22, a military vehicle was travelling along Cameron Road towards Chatham Road, and the private car along Carnarvon Rd. when the former struck the latter in the middle, pushing it back 21 feet.

Lock claimed, in his evidence, that his vehicle was travelling at 15 m.p.h. at the time of the accident, while MacDonald said this truck was going at 18 m.p.h. (Lock estimated MacDonald's speed at 30 m.p.h. but the Magistrate, after hearing the evidence, believed the military driver's speed to be what he had stated.)

Visit By Cardinal Spellman

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and his party of 14, including Archbishop Bergan, of Omaha, USA, Bishop James Walsh and Monsignor James Sheen, America's most famous preacher, will arrive in Hong Kong on May 26 by air from Melbourne, where they have been attending the centenary celebrations of the Melbourne Diocese.

Cardinal Spellman and three of his party will be the guests of His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham at Government House during their stay in the Colony.

Cardinal Spellman will celebrate Mass at the Catholic Cathedral at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 27 (the Feast of Corpus Christi). In the afternoon, at 5.30 p.m., a Reception, which will be attended by Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham, will be given at the Hong Kong Hotel by the Right Rev. H. Vallorta, Bishop of Hong Kong.

At 8.15 p.m. Mr. Fulton Sheen will broadcast an address from ZBW.

Further particulars of the Reception will be announced before the end of this week.

BALL PENS CONFISCATED

Eight packages, containing 833 ball pens and 600 refills, were seized by Revenue Officer Fowler on board the C.N.A.C. plane which arrived at Kai Tak Airfield at 2.40 p.m. on May 18 from America.

There being no claimant for the cargo, Mr. W. A. Black-Kerr granted the application for its confiscation, at Kowloon yesterday.

EMBEZZLED HIS MASTER

A 21-year-old cook appeared in the dock at Central Magistrate's yesterday, charged with embezzling his master of \$1,400.

Defendant, pleading guilty, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. The \$1,400 recovered was ordered to be returned to Law Yee, the master, who employed defendant, as cook, for \$30 a month.

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